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ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV) OUTBREAK

1. There have been new developments in relation to the novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak, which was first reported in China on December 2019, and described in EB 2020/06 dated 24 January 2020. The World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General convened a follow-up Emergency Committee meeting on 30 January 2020, in accordance with the International Health Regulations (IHR). **The Director-General declared that the outbreak of 2019-nCoV constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), accepted the Committee's advice and issued advice as Temporary Recommendations under the IHR (2005).** The statement on this meeting is available at: [https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/30-01-2020-statement-on-the-second-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-\(2005\)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)](https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/30-01-2020-statement-on-the-second-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-(2005)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov))
2. The WHO is the lead United Nations (UN) agency for the management of this outbreak and continues to provide all necessary technical and operational support to respond to it. Further information on situation reports, technical guidance and travel advice is available at: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>.
3. The latest updated WHO advice for international traffic in relation to the outbreak of the 2019-nCoV (published 27 January 2020) is available at: <https://www.who.int/ith/2020-27-01-outbreak-of-Pneumonia-caused-by-new-coronavirus/en/>.
4. Member States are strongly urged to monitor the WHO website for updated information and to adhere to the recommendations and guidance provided by the WHO.
5. As a UN organization, ICAO's main role in managing this outbreak is to support WHO by providing aviation-related information, participating in meetings and serving as a key facilitator for States and organizations that are members of the ICAO Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA) programme. ICAO continues to work closely with WHO and aviation stakeholders in providing support.
6. Key information compiled by WHO, ICAO, and other relevant entities are published on the CAPSCA website (<https://www.capsca.org>); as well as disseminated by electronic mail through the CAPSCA network (i.e. CAPSCA global partner organizations from the ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada; CAPSCA regional organizations and CAPSCA focal points of Member States from the ICAO Regional Offices).
7. States that are not yet members of the ICAO CAPSCA programme are strongly encouraged to become members as per ICAO Assembly Resolution A40-14: *Mitigation of the spread of disease through, inter alia, aircraft disinsection and vector control methods, and the importance of CAPSCA (Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation) for implementation.*

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