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Subject: ANNEX to the Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken by the European Union within the EU-ICAO Joint Committee, concerning the Decision on the adoption of an "Annex IV on Capacity Building, Technical Assistance, and Implementation Support" to the Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organization providing a framework for enhanced cooperation
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on the position to be taken by the European Union within the EU-ICAO Joint Committee, concerning the Decision on the adoption of an "Annex IV on Capacity Building, Technical Assistance, and Implementation Support" to the Memorandum of Cooperation between the European Union and the International Civil Aviation Organization providing a framework for enhanced cooperation

ANNEX IV to MoC
CAPACITY BUILDING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION
SUPPORT

1. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The Parties agree to cooperate in the provision of aviation capacity building, technical assistance and implementation support, subject to the Parties' relevant policies and decisions, with the view to support achieving the ICAO Strategic Objectives globally in the areas falling within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between the European Union (EU) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) providing a framework for enhanced cooperation, which entered into force on 29 March 2012, and in particular Articles 5 and 7.3(c) thereof.
- 1.2 Recognizing the role of capacity building, technical assistance and implementation support in achieving the ICAO Strategic Objectives globally and ensuring global compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), the Parties agree to exchange information on their respective capacity building, technical assistance and implementation support activities with a view to identify possible synergies and cooperation activities.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1 In pursuit of the objectives specified in paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2, and in complement to the cooperation established under Annexes I, II and III to the MoC, the Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:
- Establishment of a regular dialogue on capacity building, technical assistance and implementation support activities, including training activities, in the areas covered by the EU-ICAO MOC, with a view to achieve synergies and, where appropriate, to coordinate those activities;
 - Supporting and facilitating the provision of the Parties' activities on capacity building, technical assistance and implementation support, including:
 - via the conduct, where appropriate, of joint activities on capacity building, technical assistance development and implementation support;
 - via the provision of subject matter experts and any other in-kind support, as appropriate;
 - via the development and delivery of capacity building, technical assistance development and implementation support products, and trainings;
 - via the participation in technical projects, when deemed appropriate.
 - Promotion of regional cooperation;
 - Promoting the respective Parties' activities as appropriate, including by providing information to the Parties' relevant bodies on the activities conducted.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 As provided for in Articles 3.3 and 4.1(a) of the MOC, the Parties shall establish working arrangements, as required, to effectively implement cooperative activities specified in Articles 2.1 and 5 of the present Annex. These working arrangements shall be adopted by the Joint Committee pursuant to Article 7.3(c) of the MOC.

4. DIALOGUE

4.1 The Parties shall meet at least once a year, at the level of the ICAO Director of the Capacity Development and Implementation Support Bureau, assisted by other ICAO Directors as appropriate, and of the European Union Representative to ICAO, assisted by the EASA Representative and the relevant services of the European Commission as appropriate, and to report back on those exchanges to EU-ICAO Joint Committee meetings. Other entities may be invited to attend this dialogue as appropriate.

4.2 During the dialogue referred to in paragraph 4.1, the Parties shall exchange information their respective capacity building, technical assistance and implementation support activities in the areas covered by the EU-ICAO MOC, and identify possible synergies and, where appropriate, seek to coordinate their respective activities as detailed in Article 5.

4.3 The dialogue referred to in paragraph 4.2 shall be complemented, at least once a quarter, by an exchange at technical level at the level of points of contacts to be designated by each party.

5. SUPPORT AND FACILITATION OF ACTIVITIES

5.1 The Parties agree, including as a result of the Dialogue referred to in Article 4, to support and facilitate the provision of the Parties' activities on capacity building, technical assistance development and implementation support.

5.2 Where appropriate, joint activities on capacity building, technical assistance development and implementation support may be undertaken.

5.3 This support may take the form of provision of subject matter experts with proven technical expertise in relevant fields.

5.4 This support may also take the form of the development and delivery of capacity building, technical assistance development and implementation support products, training, and participation in technical projects, when deemed appropriate.

5.5 This support shall include, as appropriate, cooperation on site between the relevant ICAO Regional Offices and the teams sent as part of the EU funded capacity building, technical assistance development or implementation support activities.

5.6 The use of the respective logos shall be considered when pertinent for the activity, subject to each party's rules and procedures.

6. REGIONAL COOPERATION

6.1 In their activities aimed at accelerating the implementation of ICAO SARPs, the Parties shall give priority to the regional approaches that offer opportunities for improved cost-efficiency, oversight and/or standardization processes.

7. PROMOTION OF ACTIVITIES

7.1 The Parties shall promote their respective activities as appropriate. This may notably include providing information about the activities conducted in application of this Annex to their relevant bodies such as the ICAO Council, relevant management of the European Commission or relevant EASA bodies.

8. REVIEW

8.1 The Parties shall review the implementation of this Annex on a regular basis and, as necessary, take into account any relevant policy or regulatory developments.

8.2 Any revision of this Annex shall be approved by the Joint Committee established pursuant to Article 7 of the MOC.

9. ENTRY INTO FORCE, AMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION

9.1 This Annex shall enter into force on the date of adoption by the Joint Committee and shall remain in force until terminated.

9.2 Working arrangements agreed pursuant to this Annex shall enter into force on the date of adoption by the Joint Committee.

9.3 Any amendments to, or termination of, working arrangements adopted pursuant to this Annex shall be agreed within the Joint Committee.

9.4 This Annex may be terminated at any time by either Party. Such termination shall be effective six months following receipt of written notification of termination by one party from the other party, unless the said notice of termination has been withdrawn by mutual consent of the Parties before the six-month period has expired.

9.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, if the MOC is terminated, this Annex and any working arrangement adopted pursuant to it shall terminate simultaneously.