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IMPACT OF COVID-19 THROUGH INTER-AGENCY
COORDINATION MECHANISM TO ENSURE THE
ACCESSIBILITY OF AIR TRANSPORT**

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SUMMARY

This Paper introduces the action of launching an inter-agency information and data sharing mechanism in China's civil aviation sector under the guidance of Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism of the State Council to safeguard the normal flight operations at international airports and ensure the accessibility of air transport. The implementation of the mechanism has effectively addressed the huge impact of COVID-19 on the aviation industry and played an important role in actively promoting the recovery of the industry.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 COVID-19 is the worst pandemic to hit the world in a century and also a major public health emergency that China has encountered with the fastest spread, the widest range of infections, and the most daunting challenges to prevent and control.

1.2 To effectively deal with the spread of COVID-19 and minimize its multiple impacts on people's health and social economy, China set up the Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism in January 2020. A total of 32 central government departments cooperated under the mechanism, with internal work teams covering epidemic prevention and control, medical treatment, scientific research, logistics support, etc. By breaking down administrative and information barriers, the mechanism allowed for seamless coordination and problem-solving between different emergency response entities, such as the government and enterprises, to jointly meet the needs in the emergency prevention, preparation, response, and recovery, which achieved more effective responses to the public health emergency.

1.3 As an important member of the mechanism, the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) participated in the special tasks related to epidemic prevention and control and medical and living supplies, making efforts to ensure the accessibility and safe and effective recovery of air transport.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 In order to ensure the supply of pandemic prevention materials (medical equipment, vaccines, drugs, etc.) and daily necessities in emergencies, as well as to maintain the stability of the industrial and supply chains, special work teams were set up under the overall framework of Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism. Those work teams, fully leveraging the multi-channel transportation resources in the transport sector, were committed to maintaining the smooth transport of key materials and the transportation capacity in emergencies, creating conditions for normal life and work, and supporting the stable economic and social operation.

2.2 In order to reinforce “early detection, early evaluation, early warning and early treatment”, a multi-channel information and data sharing safeguard mechanism covering diplomacy, industry and information technology, healthcare and transportation was launched under the overall framework of the Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism, providing strong data support for risk evaluation, entry-exit inspection and quarantine, and community-based epidemic prevention and control.

2.3 In order to safeguard international flights, a special port prevention and control work team that can coordinate local governments and airport management departments was set up under the overall framework of the Joint Prevention and Control Mechanism. A special channel for crew members was set up to further optimize the entry and exit procedures and shorten the waiting time of crew members at the airport; a staff health station was established in the airport area with necessary medical treatment resources and medical protective equipment to ensure the health of civil aviation professionals to the greatest extent.

3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

3.1 The Conference is invited to note the information contained in this Paper.