STATE SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

Having regard to the Article 7 Part 4 Paragraph 11 of the "Law on Aviation" of the Republic of Armenia (hereinafter referred to as RA) and ensuring the fulfilment of terms of Annex 19 to the "Convention on International Civil Aviation" signed on 07 December 1944 in Chicago, the <u>State Safety Program</u> was adopted by the Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the RA by Order No14-L dated 26 February, 2022.

Conscious of the safe nature of the international aviation system and giving the importance to maintain high level of safety, the RA adopts the philosophy and policy of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in that direction.

Within the aviation system of the RA priority is given to safety. Assurance of safety has the absolute superiority over commercial, social and other components of the activity in the aviation field and it shall be continually ensured regardless the traffic increase.

The RA is committed to develop, implement and continually improve the strategies, regulatory frameworks, processes and policy to ensure high safety level of aviation functions. Being guided by the "Safety First" principle, the RA adopts the policy of keeping the risks in the aviation field at the utmost low level.

The Civil Aviation Committee (hereinafter referred to as CAC) of the Republic of Armenia is committed to:

- incorporate and implement an effective, evidence-based, and pro-active management of aviation safety;
- adopt a data-driven and performance-based approach to safety regulation and surveillance activities where appropriate;
- oversee the implementation process of Safety Management Systems of the organizations providing services in the field of aviation according to the established standards and requirements;
- identify safety trends within the aviation industry and adopt a risk-based approach to address areas of greater safety concern or need;
- monitor and measure the safety performance of aviation system continuously through the safety performance indicators of the RA as well as organizations' safety performance indicators;
- support the management of safety through an effective safety reporting and communication system;
- support safety information collection, analysis and exchange amongst relevant organisations in the RA, ensuring the protection of information and applying "Just Culture" principle;
- collaborate and consult with relevant aviation stakeholders to address safety and regulatory matters to enhance aviation safety;
- ensure for the CAC of the RA to be provided with necessary resources and respectively qualified competent personnel in order to duly perform its obligations as a safety oversight body;
- take actions to equip staff with proper skills and expertise to discharge safety management responsibilities competently.

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