

Cost Recovery for the Provision of Space Weather Information Services (SWIS)

CLAC MEETING – 14/11/2024

Legal background:

Resolution A41-27: Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies in the air transport field

Appendix C - Airports and air navigation services economics - Section 1

“11. Requests the Council to address the issues of the appropriateness of a global cost recovery system for the provision of space weather information services for international civil aviation, including the development of a cost recovery mechanism consistent with ICAO’s charging principles”

In November 2022 at its 227th session, the Council approved the selection of a global user charge as the global cost recovery mechanism to be further developed to space weather information services

A small group was created within the ATC to prepare a proposal

Specific aspects to consider in the implementation of the SWIS mechanism:

- Current ICAO designated space weather information centers (SWXCs):
 - ACFJ (Australia, Canada, France, Japan)
 - PECASUS (Austria, Germany, Italy, UK, Belgium, Cyprus, Finland, Poland, Netherlands)
 - USA SWXC provides the service free of charge to all operators on domestic legal grounds
 - China and Russia SWXCs will do the same for two additional years
- Legal basis for establishing a global cost recovery mechanism
- Role to be played by ICAO
- Economic regulation implications for ICAO in such mechanism

Current situation: 233rd Session of the Council

- Concept note of the Chair of the SG on SWIS and oral report of the ATC Chair

Main elements of the proposed cost recovery mechanism:

- A single cost recovery option (Option A)
- Mechanism based on the allocation of charge to States
- International (scheduled and non-scheduled) departures of operators registered in that State as the parameter for charging
- Charge per international departure flight calculated to be USD 0.55

Next Steps:

- To consult Member States via State letter on the basis of two options:
 - = Option A and a second option
- To elaborate a concept note on a second option in the coming weeks based on charging to air operators including both domestic and international departures
- To prepare state letter with sufficient background information and implications arising of the implementation of either option
- Secretariat to issue State letter, following consultation with and review by ATC, during the next Council Session (January-April 2025)
- **Member States to review the options and, if they wish, to put forward alternative proposals**
- Secretariat to report to the Council on the outcome of the consultation process
- Important for CLAC members to concert position in replying to the consultation