HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY AND RESTRICTIONS – 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

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RATIONALE:

The 2019 Novel Coronaviruses (CoV) that started in Wuhan China on December 31st 2019 has declared by World Health Organization (WHO) as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

As of February 8, 2020, according to WHO:

- Number of confirmed cases has risen from 9692 (on 31st January 2020) in 18 Countries to 34,886 confirmed cases in 24 countries of which China has the majority 34,598 cases
- Deaths from this outbreak have risen from at 213 (on January 31st 2020) to 724 globally with all deaths in China except one case in the Philippines.

Noticeably the outbreak is taking a geometric spread, hence WHO Risk Assessments of the Outbreak for China is stated as Very High, and now; regional and global levels deemed at High.

While taking into consideration tremendous efforts being put in place in China and affected countries, The Republic of Nauru as single Island Nation has to take very strong appropriate measures to prevent importation of the Coronavirus at all costs, as well as, support and assist to the rest of the Pacific Island Countries and Territories to mitigate this outbreak.

TRAVEL RESTRICTION AND MEASURES IMMEDIATELY EFFECTIVE FROM 9TH FEBRUARY 2019:

1. Any travels originating FROM/THROUGH Mainland China, Hong Kong or Macao within 21 days of the intent to board will not be permitted entry into the Republic of Nauru

2. Similarly, any travels originating FROM/THROUGH locations/countries with a publicly declared outbreak; or as a stated place of outbreak concern by the Nauru Ministry of Health and Medical Services within 21 days of the intent to board will not be permitted entry into Nauru
3. In the event that travelers FROM/THROUGH Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao reach direct ports connecting to Nauru within the 21 days – these travelers will not be allowed to board
4. Prior to arrival all travelers will be obligated to complete a Health Declaration Card that MUST be presented to Health Personnel in the arrival terminal
5. Cabin crew and passengers are encouraged to report to the Health Department if they have any concerns about self or other passengers’ ill health noticed in flight
6. All travelers will undergo health screening on arrival before granted entry into Nauru
7. Any travelers suspected as having any flu-like symptoms will be quarantined for further assessment and/or management until cleared by the Nauru Health Department
8. The Health Department strongly recommends that travelers should not undertake non-essential travel to Mainland China, Hong Kong or Macao, and should take extra precautions in any location worldwide with confirmed cases. In the event that travel must be undertaken, personal preventative and protective equipment (PPE) and measures such as frequent hand washing, cough etiquette, mask, food hygiene, and eye protection is advised
9. All passengers who have travelled through any countries with confirmed cases of Coronavirus will be provided with written instructions in English and Chinese on what to do if they feel unwell on arrival or in the days following travel
10. In the event that any traveller is suspected of being ill with symptoms suggestive of Coronavirus such as severe flu, cough, difficulty breathing and/or high fever on a Nauru Airlines Flight; Cabin Crew are required to immediately inform the Captain to report the suspected case to Air Traffic Control. In addition, Air Traffic Control MUST immediately notify the Nauru Ministry of Health and Medical Services. Cabin crew must undertake the following International Civil Aviation Organizing Regulations (ICAO Annex 9, Chapter 8 & paragraph 8.15/WHO-International Health Regulations 2005, Article 28 [4]); modified for the Republic of Nauru Context
   a. Ask the ill traveller where he/she has travelled in the last 21 days, and if he/she has lived in the same household or has had contact with a person sick with a communicable disease. In addition ask the traveller if he/she has been in contact with any traveller to Mainland China, Hong Kong or Macao in the last 21 days
   b. If on board health professional is available, crew should follow their medical advice. Where possible, this should be in consultation with Ministry of Health and Medical Services Staff on ground in Nauru
   c. Give PPE to the ill passenger, and follow standard hygiene and safety measures
   d. Relocate the adjacent passengers leaving a space of 2 (two) meters between the ill passenger and the other passengers
   e. If no seats available give PPE to adjacent passengers.
   f. Designate one cabin crew member to look after the ill passenger
   g. Designate a lavatory for the exclusive use of the ill passenger
   h. Discard all soiled items in a bio-hazard bag (or intact sealed plastic bag labeled as a bio-hazard)
   i. Follow other measures in the Regulations as the case may warrant
j. Cabin crew should not allow any passenger to off board the plane until a designated Nauru Health Staff assess and clears the situation and/or the passenger; as well as require all adjacent passengers to the ill person to complete a Passenger Locator Form.

The following is the list of Countries with declared outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus or locations deemed to be of Outbreak Concern to Nauru Ministry of Health and Medical Services; and/or places with confirmed cases as determined by the Nauru Ministry of Health and Medical Services by this official notice (subject to ad hoc official updates).

A. Countries with Declared National Outbreak and/or location of Outbreak Concern
   Subject to Nauru Airlines and Nauru Immigration Department Travel Ban/Restriction
   Subject by extension to Any Airline Carrier that will transit passenger onto a Nauru Airlines flight
   - Mainland China
   - Hong Kong
   - Macao

B. Countries with Confirmed Cases of Coronavirus
   Travelers are advised to be cautious and ensure prevention and personal protection
   Australia                               Japan, including (International Conveyance -)
   Belgium                                The Diamond Princess
   Cambodia                                Cruise Ship quarantined off
   Canada                                  Yokohama, Japan)
   Finland                                 Malaysia
   France                                  Nepal
   Germany                                 Philippines
   India                                   Russian Federation
   Italy                                   Singapore
   Spain                                   Sri Lanka
   South Korea                             Sweden
   Taiwan                                  Taiwan
   Thailand                                Thailand
   United Arab Emirates                    United Kingdom
   United States of America                Vietnam

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