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## **Accelerated development of Trusted Communication Facility**

Aviareto and the Aviation Working Group are pleased to announce the accelerated development of the Trusted Communications Facility (TCF), following consultations with regulators and industry.

The TCF will be an online platform to support the aviation industry as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, the TCF system will enable faster, more efficient and cheaper return to service for aircraft while maintaining highest levels of safety. It will be centred on documentation relating to airworthiness requirements.

The TCF will permit regulators and industry participants to exchange, digitally sign and execute electronic documents to facilitate the return to service of aircraft. Based on the tried and trusted technology used by Aviareto in operating the Cape Town Convention International Registry (International Registry), the TCF will provide assurance and security in the exchange of signed documents and will alleviate the need to exchange ink signed documents.

‘As the TCF will be based on the same technology, cybersecurity and standards as the International Registry, it starts with a global pedigree that is hard to match’, commented Rob Cowan, managing director of Aviareto.

‘The TCF has its own legal framework which provides clarity for users and also a sharp legal demarcation from the International Registry with which it shares a common infrastructure’, noted Jeffrey Wool, secretary general of the AWG and Chairman of the TCF advisory board.

The TCF will be launched in phases during the first half of 2021 and will include a Closing Room® facility where multiple documents can be signed and delivered once their release is agreed.

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