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REQUEST TO REVIEW MEDICAL EVACUATION PLAN DOCUMENT

Request for Advisory sent to MAC

Dr Y Pillay shared the draft Medical Evacuation Plan. The MAC on COVID-19's guidance was requested on this matter.

MAC on COVID-19 review

- The MAC on COVID-19 had previously advised on regular flights for bilateral repatriation of citizens and cargo flights.
- This is specifically for medical evacuation and provides very detailed instructions for crew; medical staff and for patients pre-boarding; on board and when disembarking.
- The key issue relates to the accompanying medical personnel and/crew who are in South Africa transiently.
- What has been outlined is very similar to that for external/freight crew staff.
- No deficits were identified.

Overall Comment

- This document is in keeping with what was previously advised to South African Airways on evacuation plans.

Kind regards,

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CC: Dr ZL Mkhize (Minister of Health, MP) and Dr T Pillay (Acting Director-General)