



Ethics meeting #2

UAS Coordination Technical Working Group

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Tour de table

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Opening remarks by Christos welcoming everyone to second session of the Ethics group

Brief introduction on our previous session: discussed the general framework of this group and project and had a round of introduction. Followed by that introduced a couple of very important sources that this group will be discussing throughout future meetings: ICRC data protection handbook (find [here](#)), Aid from the air: A review of drone use in the RCRC global network (find [here](#)) and the UAViators code of conduct (find [here](#)).

Assigning a co-chair: Faine Greenwood (DOT) was nominated and accepted the position of the TWG's co-chair. Faine noted that she is very excited and interested to work on the agenda of this group with everyone and figure out new resources and other ways we can learn from each other to develop great material.

Discussion:

Christos: there is already a general TOR for all the TWG (find [here](#)), but as each separate group has so many experts, it would be a good idea to discuss separate TORs for each mentioning basic principles and how we want to run this TWG which can be attached to the general TOR. A first draft of the Ethics TOR was sent to everyone.

Christos took everyone through the first Ethics TOR draft (annex 2) and modifications recommended from the group members were written in the TOR document as comments that will be taken to action if no one sends any objections by the next meeting, the main ones being:

- Rather than having all organizations participating in the group have commit to disseminating and integrating the UAViators code of conduct into an operational manual, reviewing the code can be more appropriate
- Deleting the Dispute Resolution as it is not necessary
- What is the role of the UK FCDO?
- Adding words on the collection of our own experiences (consolidate of existing knowledge and using that to develop research goals that will define what we don't know and would like to know)
- There should be ethical considerations around operation coordination, if the group agree then a fifth part of point 3 (Purposes) in the TOR can be something around that.

Halid Kayhan from ICSDPO shared that UAViators rewrote their code of conduct as well as their guidelines and they are waiting for feedback till February and they will replace the existing one with that in May 2021;

Christos: it would be great if the Ethics TWG can consolidate our feedback to them together

Matthias: next meeting we will try to have a presentation of the people who revised the code of conduct and that could kick off the review

(Note: the deadline for feedback in February so the group should send their feedback before then)

Housekeeping:

Assigning volunteers (shepherd of each document) to take the lead on some of the outputs we have in the TOR. Volunteers taking the lead on one of the following will be the focal point so that they can take ownership and responsibility to guide the group to that output.

- Purpose 3.a: TBA
- Purpose 3.b: TBA
- Purpose 3.c: TBA
- Purpose 3.d: TBA

The TWG will work on one purpose at a time to have more focus, starting with Purpose 3.d: recommendation to the UAViators code of conduct.

Discussion: *Christos:* would the members of the Ethics group like to have a series of presentations (for practical implementation, work in the field, and ethical consideration there) to highlight the challenges that are being faced in the operation?

Christina Vasala from IOM suggests that before reaching out to external experts, members of the Ethics group can have their own presentation presenting their work and on a later stage get external experts.

Decision: start internally within the group (have 2 organization present each meeting (20min presentations)) and then reach out to external experts.

Next meeting is on the **2nd of December, 2020**