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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES OF SCHEDULING CERTIFICATIONS

As agreed by the Flight Rules and Procedures Working Group (FRPWG), with respect to initial certifications, the OSCC states its intention to adhere to the following principles for scheduling purposes:

In general, for scheduling purposes, seven days will be used for a single certification period, with a gap between each certification period.

For a single certification period:

- In accordance with the Treaty, the amount of time allotted for a single certification is seven days.
- Because of the possibility of unpredictable difficulties such as bad weather, technical difficulties, medical emergency, or force majeure, there is a need for operational flexibility to achieve the goal of certification.
- Such unpredictable events can extend the actual length of the certification up to an additional seven days, making a maximum total of 14 days. This extension will be agreed by consensus of the participants in the certification event at the site, with the goal of successful certification.

Consideration may be given to unique certification events (i.e., joint certifications) following a request to the FRPWG.

From an operational perspective, the FRPWG agrees that there should be a gap between each certification period. Such a gap would allow for flexibility and travel requirements and meet the desire for timely scheduling of all certifications. The period of this gap is likely to be between seven and 14 days and will be determined at the scheduling meeting.