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INFLUENCE OF CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC ON UKRAINIAN AVIATION INDUSTRY

Quarantine and prohibition of international air passenger transportation left airlines without main source of income, forcing them to fire their workers and use the reserve resources so as not to go bankrupt. Particularly Ukrainian companies suffer big losses, due to critically small number of passengers, ban for lots international scheduled flights to European countries.

In Ukraine in 2020 losses of airlines, airports and connected industries will be about 1.3 billions of dollars. 80000 workers can lose their jobs. The aviation industry has shrunk its costs as closely as it could in order to survive this difficult period. All over the world small airlines expect financial aid from government, for example USA allocated 9.5\$ billions dollars for 10 big and 83 small companies. Ukrainian airlines can not expect financial aid, because government allocate money to small and medium business to save their existence.

Airlines receive income when their planes are in sky. Despite all prohibitions, domestic flights are having good tendency now. However, situation with international flights gets worse, airlines were expected that opening borders will increase demand for air transportation, but about 69% of planes, registered in Ukraine are not flying now.

Big Ukrainian airlines, like International Airlines of Ukraine, SkyUP are redesigning their planes and layout of work to cargo transportation. MAU have already use two planes for freight transportation, if it will be profitable they can rise number of planes, which perform flights with cargo, to ten.

SkyUP company have not conserved a single plane. Low-cost airline has 11 planes, 7 from them are used to transport freight and 4 planes are used for charter or special flights or to evacuate Ukrainians all over the world.

Big airports of Ukraine have big problems with passengers flow.

Passenger traffic decreased by 65% compared to the last year. The Borispol airport managers predicts that passenger traffic figures at the end of the year for 2020 will fall to the level of 2009.

Aviation and all connected industries in Ukraine and world are having bad economical situation during pandemic, many companies are needed to fire their workers and minimalize all their expenses. Ukrainian airline and airport can not expect financial aid for government because of they allocate money to other industries in need. However, airlines adapted to present situation by redesigning their planes to transport freight. They are looking for finding the ways to improve the level of their income.

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