HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON A COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SAFETY IN AFRICA

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PROPOSED AMENDED VERSION OF THE DRAFT ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

(Presented by France, United Kingdom and European Commission)

SUMMARY

The authors of the proposed amended version of the draft Assembly Resolution on the Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan) consider the primary role of ICAO in the implementation of this Plan will be aimed at coordination of the related activities. The collection of funds by ICAO with regard to the AFI Plan should be limited to those required by ICAO to carry out these coordination activities and specific assistance to States as required to facilitate the implementation of large scale projects. This approach would be consistent with the actual resources of the Organization and with the leadership role it wants to take in the AFI Plan.

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION BY THE 36TH SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY

Resolution A36/XX

Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa

Whereas it is essential that there be increased coordinated efforts under ICAO leadership to reduce serious deficiencies in the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Region which are detrimental to the functioning and further development of international civil aviation;

Noting that the Council of ICAO has already taken steps to address safety issues through the development of a Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa;

Recognizing that many Contracting States in the AFI Region may not have the technical or financial resources to comply with the requirements of the Chicago Convention and its Annexes and therefore have to rely on ICAO and other stakeholders for guidance and assistance;

Recognizing the need to coordinate, under the ICAO umbrella, activities of all stakeholders providing assistance to States in the AFI Region;

Recognizing that ICAO may require additional resources to successfully carry out its coordination role and assistance to States in the AFI Region;

Considering the willingness of the international community to assist the AFI Region in giving as soon as possible a concrete and substantial content to the Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa;

The Assembly:

- 1. *Urges* Contracting States in Africa to commit for the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa and for ongoing transparency with regard to the progress accomplished;
- 2. *Encourages* Contracting States, industry and donors to submit projects addressing the priorities identified through the gap analysis carried out by ICAO and consistent with the principles laid out in the Plan, and provide voluntary financial or other contributions to be used by ICAO to coordinate the projects and to assist States of the AFI Region;
- 3. *Instructs* the Council to establish a mechanism which ensures the allocation of voluntary financial or other contributions to achieve the goals and objectives of the Plan, while maximizing the results;
- 4. Requests the Council to ensure a stronger ICAO leadership role in coordinating activities, initiatives and implementation strategies aimed specifically at meeting the goals and objectives of the Plan in order to achieve sustained improvement of flight safety in the AFI Region and the implementation of the Plan in general;
- 5. *Instructs* the Council to monitor and measure the status of implementation in the AFI Region throughout the triennium and to report to the next Assembly on the progress made;
- 6. *Encourages* the continued development of new working relationships integrating the capabilities of the bureaux at Headquarters with the resources of Regional Offices, Member States and industry stakeholders.