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PROPOSALS ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF TRAINING FOR THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY PERSONNEL UNDER THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AVIATION SAFETY IN AFRICA

(Presented by the People's Republic of China)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Special Africa-Indian Ocean Regional Air Navigation Meeting was held in Durban, South Africa, from 24 to 29 November 2008. The Second Pan African Training Coordination Conference was conducted by ICAO and AFCAC in Cairo, Egypt, from 22 to 24 June 2010. In order to support the development of civil aviation in Africa and enhance training provided by Member States in the region for civil aviation professionals, this working paper identifies the problems currently existing in the area of exchange of information relating to aviation safety training in Africa, and presents proposals for improvement.

Action: The Assembly is invited to:

- a) propose that ICAO AFI Comprehensive Implementation Programme (ACIP) should establish a harmonized coordination mechanism for training, set up a webpage dedicated to civil aviation training in Africa, promote effective exchange of training information and allocation of adequate training resources;
- b) propose that the annual aviation professional training program jointly provided by ICAO and its Member States for developing countries shall adequately increase the representation of African States;
- c) propose to enhance training of instructors for African States; and
- d) request reduction or removal of ICAO overhead charges to encourage Member States to provide technical training to aviation professionals from developing countries.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This paper relates to Strategic Objective A: Safety - <i>Enhance global civil aviation safety.</i>
<i>Financial implications:</i>	Not applicable.
<i>References:</i>	Doc 9930, <i>Report of the Special Africa-Indian Ocean (SP AFI) Regional Air Navigation Meeting (2008)</i>

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 According to the ICAO Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa, and in order to promote the development of the civil aviation industry in Africa, the Chinese Government will do its best to assist African States to enhance training of aviation professionals, aimed at addressing the problems faced by African States with respect to the shortage of aviation safety professionals. With regard to existing problems, such as inefficient exchange of training information, it is proposed that ICAO AFI Comprehensive Implementation Programme (ACIP) should put in place an information exchange platform on training of civil aviation professionals in Africa, intensify promotion efforts on training programmes offered by States for Africa, enable African States to have better access to the training information on international civil aviation and to share training resources. In the meanwhile, ICAO overhead charges should be substantially reduced or removed so as to encourage Member States to provide technical training to aviation professionals in Africa.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 It is necessary that States engage their common efforts in enhancing training of aviation professionals in Africa. The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) is willing to do its utmost to assist in providing technical training for aviation professionals in Africa, with a view to increasing aviation safety management levels in the region. In 2007, at ICAO's 36th Session of the Assembly, it was decided to carry out the Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa; CAAC responded to the call faithfully. Through the China Civil Aviation University and Civil Aviation Management Institute, CAAC delivered a well designed package of training programmes in the areas of radar control, safety management, etc., the outcomes of which were highly appraised by its participants. The civil aviation community in Africa, however, had little knowledge of the training programmes that could be offered in China, resulting in a limited nomination of candidates at a relatively low post. Therefore, there is a need to establish a harmonized platform for the sharing of training resources and information, which will enable the two sides to better understand each others capacity and demands.

3. PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT

3.1 It is proposed that ACIP should establish a harmonized coordination mechanism, set up a webpage dedicated to civil aviation training in Africa, promote effective exchange of training information and allocation of adequate training resources. The detailed information of training programmes offered by each State, such as contents of curricula, training schedule, target audiences, participating academies, scholarships, etc., should be posted on the website; African States can nominate their candidates according to their own national civil aviation training demands.

3.2 It is proposed that the annual aviation professional training programme jointly provided by ICAO and its Member States for developing countries shall adequately increase the representation of African States.

3.3 It is proposed that support should be provided to the training of African training instructors in order to maintain a group of well-qualified instructors.

3.4 It is proposed that ICAO overhead charges for provision of technical training for aviation professionals for Africa should be substantially reduced or removed, in order to encourage Member States to provide technical training for aviation professionals in Africa.