



ASSEMBLY – 35TH SESSION

PLENARY

Agenda Item 10: Election of Contracting States to be represented on the Council

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATURES OF AFRICAN CONTRACTING STATES
FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF ICAO (2005-2007)**

(Presented by the African States²)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The African civil aviation community is proud to see the Protocol amending the Article 50 a) of the Convention on International Civil Aviation enter into force which resulted in the convening of the 34th (Extraordinary) ICAO Assembly was held in Montreal on 31 March and 1 April 2003 in order to elect the three additional States to be represented to the Council.

1.2 In accordance with the provisions of Article 50 a) of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, African States have set up a mechanism based on principles of cooperation and/or rotation at the regional level and in each of the five African Subregions.

1.3 In this connexion, African States have the honour to inform the 35th Session of ICAO Assembly that they hereby unanimously nominate the following countries for election to the Council of the Organization for the period 2005 – 2007:

Part II - Egypt
Nigeria
Republic of South Africa

Part III - Cameroon
Ethiopia
Ghana
Mozambique
Tunisia.

¹ French version provided by the African States.

² Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

2. ICAO: PRIVILEGED AFRICAN STATES' FORUM

2.1 African States have always considered ICAO as a privileged forum for discussion of critical issues challenging the orderly development of the international civil aviation industry. In this connexion, African States team up coordinated efforts in order to participate actively in ICAO activities set up to come out with compromises or common solutions in the best interest of the entire international civil aviation community. As a result, African States have massively participated and/or were actively involved in the activities such as:

- The African civil aviation community has been involved in the preparatory work for the Diplomatic Conference organized by ICAO and UNIDROIT (Cape Town, October/November 2001) which resulted in the adoption of the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol thereto on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment on 16 November 2001;
- The initiative taken by Algeria alone to organize in Algiers from 31 May to 2 June 2004 an International Seminar on Search and Rescue indicates that each African State is concerned about the future of the whole international civil aviation industry and ready to contribute in collaboration with interested parties in specific field;
- During this ending triennium, coordinated action was taken by African States in order to get the Protocol amending the Article 50 a) of the Convention on international civil aviation enter into force. The result of this action contributed to the convening by the Council the 34th Session (Extraordinary) of the ICAO Assembly in Montreal on 31 March and 1 April 2003. The proposals for the establishment of this Protocol and the Protocol amending the Article 56 of the Convention on international civil aviation respectively for enlargement of the ICAO Council from 33 to 36 members and the Air Navigation Commission from 15 to 19 members were initiated by African States;
- The global aviation community meeting in Cairo, Egypt, from 22 March to 2 April 2004 for the Twelfth ICAO Facilitation Division and the participation of African States to it illustrate that the region is determined to contribute tirelessly to the balanced development of the civil aviation worldwide.
- The high number of delegates in Yaounde, Cameroon from 23 to 27 June 2003 on the occasion of the 14th meeting of APIRG is once again witnessing that African States are decided to fulfil their international obligation in implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices;
- African States are resolutely taking advantage of the outcome of the Fifth worldwide Air Transport Conference and Air Navigation Conference which took place in Montreal respectively from 24 to 29 March 2003 and 22 September to 3 October 2003 in which they have contributed to their success. Also in the field of Aviation Security, most of African Ministers present at the High-level Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security, held in Montreal on 19 and 20 February 2002 made the security issue a high priority in Africa;
- Moreover, African States gathered in Dakar from 26 to 28 November 2002 for the first meeting of Air Navigation Services Providers in the AFI Region as matters related to the implementation of CNS/ATM systems are of paramount interest to the African aviation industry;

- Finally, the African continent is accelerating the establishment of the autonomous civil aviation authorities which is considered to play a critical role in enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the civil aviation regulators in African States at the present time.

3. ACTION BY THE ASSEMBLY

3.1 The Assembly is invited to take note of the information in the paragraph 2 and select candidate States in the paragraph 1 sponsored by Africa counting on the confidence and a great support that African States have always had from this august Assembly.

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