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

CANDIDATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

(Presented by the Republic of Korea)

1. The Government of the Republic of Korea has the honor to announce to the 35th Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) its candidature for re-election as a Member State of the Council in Part III for the triennium 2005~2007.
2. The Republic of Korea's interest in participation of the Council of the ICAO is based on the following:
 - a) The Republic of Korea, since its accession to the ICAO in 1952, has achieved remarkable developments in the field of international air transport over the past decades. The Republic of Korea recorded the world's 7th largest air transport volume in terms of passenger and cargo tonne-kilometers as of 2003 and is the 7th largest financial contributor to the ICAO in 2004.
 - b) The Republic of Korea is an active member of North Asian branch of COSCAP. The Republic of Korea contributed US\$400,000 for COSCAP's activities in 2003 and 2004, and plans to contribute another US\$100,000 in 2005.
 - c) The Republic of Korea is also active in the field of AVSEC. From 2002 to 2004, the Republic of Korea contributed US\$253,000 to AVSEC, and in the coming years, will further increase its support for AVSEC activities so as to ensure greater security in the skies.
 - d) The Republic of Korea has offered free education program for aviation staffs from developing countries since 2001. The program has six courses and has invited 72 persons from 42 countries. In 2004, the Republic of Korea plans to provide three courses and invite 46 persons all over the world.
 - e) As of 2004, the Republic of Korea has concluded air services agreements with 82 States. The Republic of Korea has been seeking more liberalized air services agreement since the conclusion of open skies agreement with the U.S.A. in 1998. The Republic of Korea will pursue more progressive and gradual approach toward air transport liberalization in line with worldwide liberalizing trend.

- f) The Republic of Korea has put utmost emphasis on aviation security and safety. Correspondingly, the Republic of Korea has completed improvement measures for aviation security and safety. The Korea Civil Aviation Safety Authority, as a separate and independent Government Organization for the supervision and administration of security and safety affairs, was established in 2002.
- g) In order to accommodate increasing traffic demand, the Republic of Korea opened Incheon International Airport in March 2001, and started the second stage of the planned expansion to be completed in 2008.
- h) In view of its remarkable achievements and based on the long experience in the field of civil aviation, the Republic of Korea wishes to take on a position of responsibility on the ICAO Council for the term 2005~2007, and will continue to make positive contributions to the orderly and safe development of the international civil aviation in cooperation with the ICAO as well as the Contracting States.

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