



## ASSEMBLY – 35TH SESSION

### PLENARY

#### **Agenda Item 2: Statements by delegations of Contracting States and of Observers**

#### **STATEMENT**

(Presented by Chile)

Chile would like to take the opportunity presented by this 35th Session of the Assembly of ICAO to reiterate its support for the International Civil Aviation Organization in its ongoing efforts to promote civil aviation which is more efficient, safer and has minimal impact on the environment.

The Government of Chile maintains its firm commitment to support the many activities of ICAO, but cannot support the proposed budget increase for the next triennium. We therefore believe that an exchange of ideas must be encouraged within this Assembly to minimize the impact of exchange rates on the budget and also to facilitate implementation of the Secretary General's measures aimed at improving the efficiency of the Organization. We believe that if we do so the study and the proposal for the 2008-2010 triennium budget will receive unanimous support from Member States.

Since signing the Chicago Convention as a founding Member, and currently as a Member of the Council of ICAO, Chile has remained firmly committed to the Organization and its efforts to increase safety, improve aviation security and reduce the environmental impact of air operations.

Fully aware of future challenges and faithful to its policy of promoting regional cooperation in accordance with ICAO recommendations, Chile has played an active role in the Caribbean and South American (CAR/SAM) region, promoting the liberalization of air transport and implementing within its territory and on its aircraft the technological advances which ensure the greatest possible level of safety for international civil aviation operations.

Chile, in another show of support for the international civil aviation community, has been organizing, in conjunction with the International Air Transport Association (IATA), biennial meetings of the "Wings of Change" conference, which gathers together the highest-level authorities from the aeronautical world.

As it continues to seek to attain the highest standards of quality and safety for civil aviation, Chile has the honour of announcing that its air transport services have met the ISO 9001-2001 certification system standards, as attested to by accredited international bodies such as the American National Standards Institute Registrar Accreditation Board (ANSIRAB) in the United States and the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) in the United Kingdom.

These cooperative and joint activities undertaken by Chile in the field of civil aviation contribute to the promotion of a safer and more efficient national, regional and global civil aviation system, in keeping with the guiding principles of our Organization.

Chile believes that important issues on our agenda are those relating to: implementation of communications, navigation and surveillance/air traffic management (CNS/ATM) systems and their respective legal framework; definitions and legal framework for the global navigation satellite system (GNSS); progress toward modernization of the Rome Convention of 1952; matters relating to optimizing safety; efforts to increase aviation security; definitions relating to protection of the environment; and financial matters submitted by ICAO to this Assembly.

With a view to continuing to play a proactive role in promoting safer, more efficient and more environmentally friendly civil aviation, the Republic of Chile has decided to announce its candidature for a seat on the Council of ICAO in Part III in for the period 2004 to 2007, for which it has the support of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission. We hope that the delegations of the States participating in the 35th Session of the Assembly will honour us by supporting our candidature.

Finally, Chile earnestly hopes that this Assembly will be able to reach agreement on measures needed to continue the modernization and development of global aeronautical activity within an ever safer, more cooperative and more efficient framework, for the benefit of all humanity.

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