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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Agenda Item 24: Increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of ICAO**

**AMENDMENT OF RULE 63 OF THE STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE  
ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION  
TO INCLUDE THE USE OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE**

(Presented by the Council of ICAO)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In this paper, the Council proposes an amendment of Rule 63 of the *Standing Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization* (Doc 7600), pursuant to Decision A-22 and Resolution A31-16, in order to include the Chinese language to the languages of documentation. At its 22nd Session (1977), the Assembly approved the Council's recommendation "(a) that the Assembly adopt the Chinese language as a working language of ICAO; and (b) that the Chinese language be introduced in steps and that, as the first step, provision be made for the use of Chinese orally at sessions of the Assembly." That decision was duly implemented and Chinese interpretation has since been provided at sessions of the Assembly. Moreover, pursuant to the adoption of Resolution A31-16: Strengthening the use of Chinese language in ICAO, documentation in Chinese has been provided since the 34th Extraordinary Session of Assembly.

**Action:** The Assembly is invited to approve the amendment of Rule 63 in accordance with Rule 66 of the *Standing Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization* (Doc 7600), as set out in the Appendix to this working paper, to include the use of the Chinese language to the languages of documentation.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Supporting Implementation Strategies Programme Support – Language Services and Management and Administration – Governing Bodies – Language Services.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No financial implications.
<i>References:</i>	Doc 7600 – <i>Standing Rules of Procedure of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization</i> Doc 9958 – <i>Assembly Resolutions in Force</i> (as of 8 October 2010) Doc 9210, A22 – <i>Report of the Executive Committee</i>

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**APPENDIX**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 63 OF THE  
STANDING RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ASSEMBLY  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION**

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**SECTION X. LANGUAGES**

*Rule 63*

All preparatory documentation for or at the Assembly as well as recommendations, resolutions and decisions of the Assembly shall be prepared and circulated in the English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish languages.

Languages of  
Documentation

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