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CANDIDATURE OF MALAYSIA

(Presented by Malaysia)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Paper seeks the support of all Contracting States for Malaysia's re-election to the Council of ICAO, in Part III.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to all of the Strategic Objectives.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No additional resources required
<i>References:</i>	A38-WP/2

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Government of Malaysia has the honour to announce to the 38th Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), its candidature for re-election to the Council of ICAO, in Part III.

2. MEETING THE CHALLENGE

2.1 Strategically situated in the Asia Pacific Region, Malaysia has progressed along with the global advances in aviation. Civil aviation is a crucial component as well as a key facilitator in the nation's globalised export oriented and tourism dependent economy. Malaysia has emerged as a vital hub and a leading aviation nation in the Asia Pacific Region.

2.2 Malaysia accords one of its highest priorities to aviation. With a policy encompassing all key aspects of civil aviation, Malaysia's aviation is expected to register continuous growth over the next decade. Continued liberalisation, sustainable and strategic development, international collaboration and partnership, new growth areas, transformation and compliance to ICAO's SARPs characterises Malaysia's aviation. The State is committed to safety, security, environmental protection and sustainable development of air transport.

3. AVIATION IN MALAYSIA

3.1 Malaysia has promoted a liberal aviation policy and has concluded air services arrangements with 98 countries of which 20 are open skies in nature. The nation is connected to major hubs around the world. Currently 67 foreign carriers operate to Malaysia.

3.2 Total number of passenger movements at airports in Malaysia in 2012 was 68.8 million and air freight volume 891,179 metric tonnes.

3.3 Consistent and high quality product and services contribute to Malaysian carriers joining an elite group of world class airlines. Malaysia Airlines with its Sky-trax World Airlines Award flies to 47 international destinations. Malaysia's AirAsia is Asia's first and largest low-cost carrier.

3.4 Malaysia's well developed and extensive airport system with 6 international and 16 domestic airports is one of the most modern in the region. Malaysia's active investment policy for airports is also geared towards enhancing safety and security. Kuala Lumpur International Airport is an eco-friendly airport with a capacity to handle up to 100 million passengers annually and new generation aircraft.

3.5 Malaysia's success in FAA's recognition through the Bilateral Aviation Safety Agreement, the first in Asia and fifth worldwide is an accomplishment of Malaysia's aviation. The collaboration and partnership enabled Malaysian designed and manufactured aircraft to be exported. Malaysia's aerospace facilities produce wing and fuselage components for Airbus and Boeing aircraft.

3.6 Worldwide growth of low cost carriers has impacted Malaysia's aviation and in line with transformation, steps have been taken to augment airport infrastructure to cater for future growth. The world's largest low-cost carrier terminal, with a capacity for 45 million passengers is expected to be

operational in May 2014 at Kuala Lumpur International Airport. Malindo Air, Malaysia's newest carrier further transformed Malaysia's aviation landscape with full service products and competitive fares.

3.7 Malaysian aviation regulators work closely with all stakeholders on compliance to ICAO SARPs. Malaysia's overall ranking with regard to USOAP CSA Audit is excellent at the regional level and commendable at the international level. Malaysia's ranking with regard to USAP is also commendable internationally. Malaysia is one of the pioneer States in the Asia Pacific Region to have implemented safety management systems at 6 international and 16 domestic airports in accordance with ICAO's Annex 19.

4. COMMITMENT TO ICAO

4.1 Malaysia has continuously upheld the role of ICAO as the sole organisation charged with development of all aspects of international civil aviation. Malaysia has fully supported the aims, objectives and efforts of ICAO to develop the principles and techniques of international air navigation and foster the planning and development of international air transport.

4.2 In partnership with other Contracting States, Malaysia will continue to contribute to the mission of ICAO. Malaysia will honour its financial commitments, participate in ICAO's work programme, collaborate with all States in furthering aviation interest and share its experiences. Malaysia will make available additional personnel in the service of ICAO and make voluntary contributions to fund safety activities and CO₂ emissions reduction programmes.

4.3 On safety and security, Malaysia renders its total support to ICAO. Safety is of paramount importance and security can never be compromised. Malaysian aviation authorities are committed to an oversight system with the highest standards for safety and security. The oversight structure is continuously monitored and assessed to ensure compliance. A comprehensive legal framework, modern equipment and trained personnel are elements that contribute to Malaysia's commitment on safety and security.

4.4 Malaysia is strongly committed to reducing the impact of aviation on the environment and participates in ICAO's efforts in reducing aviation greenhouse gas emissions. In line with the consensus reached during the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly in October 2010, Malaysia has developed and submitted its State Action Plan on CO₂ Emissions Reduction Activities.

4.5 Malaysia has enhanced its air traffic management utilisation by restructuring its airspace. Malaysian carriers have implemented fuel efficiency and fleet renewal measures to reduce carbon foot print. The Kuala Lumpur International Airport is the world's first airport to achieve EarthCheck's highest accolade of Platinum Certification for world class sustainable initiatives.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL AVIATION

5.1 In ensuring adequate and competent personnel to manage and maintain a global air transport system, Malaysia has made a salient contribution in human resource development. Since 1984, more than 364 aviation personnel, from 62 countries have been trained in fully sponsored courses under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme. In addition, 943 participants from 55 countries have received aviation security training at the ICAO accredited Malaysia Airports Training Centre. Malaysia has formalized a Memorandum of Understanding with the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission

in the area of human resource development. The Memorandum of Understanding provides for Latin American personnel to be trained in fully sponsored courses at the Malaysia Aviation Academy.

5.2 An important development in international civil aviation is the emergence of low-cost carriers. Low-cost carriers have changed the dynamics of air travel. Malaysia has contributed significantly to the low-cost carrier segment in the Asia Pacific Region. Malaysia's AirAsia is testimony that the low-cost airline model works in Asia. AirAsia services an extensive network of 85 destinations. In the wake of Air Asia's success, low-cost carriers have emerged all over the Asia Pacific Region. AirAsia X is the low-cost long haul affiliate of AirAsia.

6. CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION THROUGH ICAO

6.1 In support of the work of ICAO, Malaysia has made available its personnel in the service of the Organization. Two of Malaysia's full time personnel with ICAO are fully funded by the Malaysia Government. Malaysia has seconded an auditor on long term basis in support of USOAP. Malaysia has also seconded an Air Traffic Management expert to the ICAO Regional Sub-Office in Beijing. Another officer serves at the ICAO Asia Pacific Regional Office in Bangkok. Malaysia aviation experts have participated in USOAP and USAP Audits and CAPSCA evaluation visits.

6.2 Safety and environmental protection are fundamental in the mission of ICAO. Aviation safety will always remain a priority and protecting the environment is no longer an option. Malaysia has made voluntary contributions to ICAO's Safety Fund. Malaysia has also made voluntary contributions in support of states action plans on CO₂ emissions reduction.

6.3 Malaysia hosted the Regional Aviation Security Conference in 2012 to further promote implementation of the Declaration on Aviation Security adopted at the 37th Session of the Assembly. The Conference adopted a comprehensive strategy to systematically improve passenger and air cargo security. The outcome of the Conference was presented by Malaysia during the High-level Conference on Aviation Security in Montreal in September 2012.

7. COLLABORATION WITH ICAO AND REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS

7.1 Malaysia is expanding its training programmes to promote a cooperative and collaborative environment in partnership with ICAO in the area of human resource development. The expansion is in support of adequate and competent personnel to manage and maintain a global air transport system. Malaysia will be formalising in 2013, the ICAO Malaysia Developing Countries Training Programme to jointly establish and administer a programme to train participants from ICAO Contracting States. Malaysia will also be formalising with the African Civil Aviation Commission and the Arab Civil Aviation Commission, similar arrangements on human resource development in 2013 to train aviation personnel.

8. CONTRIBUTION AND COMMITMENT TO THE COUNCIL

8.1 Malaysia is seeking re-election to the Council of ICAO. Being able to contribute as a member of the Council to international civil aviation has been a privilege. Malaysia wishes to contribute further through the Council of ICAO. Based on its strategic position and having the expertise and

resources, Malaysia is interested in continuing its participation in the Council to represent the interests of Asia Pacific States and contribute towards ICAO's leadership and vision in global aviation.

8.2 Malaysia has actively participated in Council deliberations and collaborated with other Council Members in the mission to foster a global civil aviation system that consistently operates at peak efficiency and provides optimum safety, security, environmental protection and sustainability. Together with other Council members, Malaysia will make every effort on continuous safety and security enhancements, the protection of the environment and the sustainable development of air transport.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 It has been a privilege for Malaysia to be a member of the Council and be involved in its work. Malaysia is desirous of continuing its participation in the work of the Council and contributing to international civil aviation. Malaysia will work with other Council Members for the benefit of all Contracting States.

9.2 The Government of Malaysia seeks the support of all ICAO Contracting States for Malaysia re-election to the Council of ICAO, in Part III at the 38th Session of the Assembly.

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