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STATEMENT BY SOUTH SUDAN

(Presented by South Sudan)



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN
Ministry of Transport, Roads and Bridges
Office of the Deputy Minister

Mr. Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez

15th September 2013

President

International Civil Aviation Organization Council (ICAO)

Chairman, ICAO General Assembly

MR-RAYMOND BENJAMIN

Secretary General, ICAO

Head of Delegates, ICAO Member States,

Distinguished Guests, Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is my distinct pleasure and honour on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Sudan, and on behalf of my delegation, I would like to thank you all for offering me the floor to address the honorable members of this 38th session of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) august assembly. First and foremost please allow me to take this golden opportunity to register my strong apology for missing the opening sessions for reasons beyond our control.

Mr. President, Distinguish Guests

The Republic of South Sudan became an independent sovereign state on the 9th July, 2011, after a long protracted war ever fought in the African continent; subsequently South Sudan was recognised by the United Nations General Assembly, African Union and acceded to the Chicago Convention of 1944 which culminated in the recognition of South Sudan as a contracting member state of the International Civil Aviation Organization number 191 on the 10th November, 2011.

Mr. President, the Republic of South Sudan is obliged to adhere to ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), to establish an autonomous civil aviation authority in order to comply with ICAO requirements eight critical elements of state and security oversight obligations safety. During the last two years of Independence the Republic of South Sudan has managed to achieve the following:



- 1- *Enacted South Sudan Civil Aviation Authority act which has come into law with effect from 9th March , 2012.The promulgation of the act relates to critical element one: Primary aviation legislation.*
- 2- *Drafting of South Sudan Civil Aviation Regulations specific operating regulations had been made possible with the help of an international consultancy firm, EGISAVIA from France. This also relates to ICAO critical element two : Specific operating regulations.*
- 3- *The Board of Directors of South Sudan Civil Aviation Authority (SSCAA) and the executive management of the authority have completed organization structure of SSCAA, Logo of the authority and five year strategic plan 2013-2018 .This relates to ICAO critical element three :State civil aviation system and safety oversight functions.*
- 4- *Critical element four: Technical personnel qualifications and training is in progress.(e.g. 28 Air traffic controllers trainees are currently undergoing training in Nairobi ,Kenya sponsored by the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNIMISS). Also the European Union Aviation security Commission (EUAVSEC) is providing training of security personnel at Juba International Airport (JIA) as well as assisting in the formation of the National Civil Aviation Security Committee (NCASC)*
- 5- *Three air Traffic Controllers had been trained and sponsored by the Government of the Republic of Kenya.*
- 6- *Twenty Fire fighters and four aeronautical information service personnel had been trained by ASECNA Funded by the French Government.*
- 7- *An agreement was signed between South Sudan Civil Aviation Authority and TELESCOPAZIO an Italian firm for maintenance and upgrading the V-SAT for three years.*
- 8- *Contract for the rehabilitation of Juba International Airport phase one has been signed with China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC).*

Mr. President, Head of Delegates

Once again, allow me to take this opportunity to express on behalf of the Government of South Sudan our sincere appreciation for efforts and contributions in enhancing smooth establishment of Civil Aviation. Furthermore, I would like to underscore the existing relations between South Sudan and ICAO in various fields in the aviation industry under your leadership and to mention few your wise decision last year to send an expatriate in the field of aviation


law who was very useful to us in Juba, South Sudan; he did revised our SSCAA bill currently in force.

Also we highly comment your decision to send Mr. Chris Dalton as your representative to lead the negotiations on the AIR SPACE DELINEATION and Flight Information Region (FIR) between the Republic of South Sudan and the Republic of the Sudan which were one country before July 9th 2011, through your regional office in Nairobi, Kenya.

the negotiations were conducted both in Nairobi (Kenya) in July 2012 and in Cairo (Egypt) in October 2012 respectively which came into successful conclusion.

In this regard, I would like to thank, your regional office in Nairobi for its instrumental role to lead and guide the negotiations into success, the agreement is now awaiting implementation therefore, we urge your esteemed office to expedite the implementation process as agreed between the two states. Furthermore we appreciate the report of ,ICAO,ESAF and AFCAC on the Civil Aviation in South Sudan from 17-18 April 2013.

Finally, Mr. President allow me to convey to you greetings from our President H.E. Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit and the entire people of South Sudan



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