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STATEMENT BY IRAQ

(Presented by Iraq)

HE Dr. Fang Lui

HE Dr. Olumuyiwa Banard Aliu

HE the Heads and President of Delegations

The respected Presidents of International Organizations

The respected attendance

Excellency,

We have the honor to participate in the 40th Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization which coincided with the 75th Anniversary of establishment of this respected organization.

The air transport industry is one of the basic pillars of international economy and it is one of the most industries that have high and quick development rates and the most effected in the events and circumstances.

Iraq is one of states who participate in the establishment of ICAO and joined it since 72 years ago in 2/6/1947, with the return of security and Stability, the civil aviation in Iraq had highly developed, after the Aircrafts number that overfly Iraq airspace was 40 aircrafts per a day, its reach 650 aircrafts per a day with the mid of 2015.

The Iraqi Airports are also great development, the flights numbers in all Iraqi Airports reached (60749) in 2019 after it were (44932) in 2014 and (4,500,000) passengers travelling through these airports.

Iraq work with great energy to become active member in all civil aviation organizations activities headed by ICAO , this lead us to put a new vision of civil aviation sector depending on the developing of Iraqi Airports and support the national air transport institutions to be able to open new visions of air transport sector, in this regard, we highly appreciated the assistance of many governments to support this vision especially the Arab governments.

¹ Arabic language version provided by Iraq

We currently working on a programme to develop the national capabilities with the assistance of ICAO represented by the regional office of mid-eastern in Flight Safety, Flight Security and Air Transport to meet the great developments in Iraqi Civil Aviation sector , one of these activities is the holding of 5 workshops that specialized in Air Security in Baghdad and the visits of Flight Safety experts to develop the Flight Safety procedures within no country left behind plan (NCLB) that provide assistance to Iraqi Civil Aviation Authority to be ready to the assessment that will implement in the end of this year.

A workshop hosted by Iraqi Air Safety inspectors was also held to review ICAO Audit and oversight International Programme for Air Safety in (operations, Airport Licenses, Air Navigation, Airworthiness).

Regarding the Air Transport sector, it is also had great development , the number of airlines that is working in Iraqi airports reached 40 regional, national and international airlines and it is supposed to reach 100 airline with 2025.

We highly appreciated to the attendance and participation of the presidents of the international and regional civil aviation organizations that show the great support between this respected organization and those organization and we hope that all of them will support Iraq situation to Lift the ban from the national Airline to re-overflying across European airspace and activate the air transport between Iraq and European Union.

We also would like to appreciate the presentation of the Excellency's of the presidents of delegations for their initiatives that serve the development of international civil aviation sector.

Finally, we would like to convey our highly gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Canada and the international Civil Aviation Organization for their kind hospitality reception with our best wishes to the nomination states for ICAO council membership.

Kindly accept the assurance of our highest consideration.

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