



**ASSEMBLY — 40TH SESSION**

**PLENARY**

**Agenda Item 5: Election of Member States to be represented on the Council**

**CANDIDATURE OF UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

(Presented by United Arab Emirates)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Pursuant to its resolution 02 GA/25, adopted during its Extraordinary Session held in Rabat, 2 to 3 May 2019, the General Assembly of Arab Civil Aviation Organization nominated the United Arab Emirates for re-election as a Member of the Council of ICAO, under Part III. This paper presents the candidature of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for re-election and seeks the support of all ICAO Member States.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to all Strategic Objectives.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No additional resources required.
<i>References:</i>	A40-WP/2, <i>Supporting Documentation for the Election of Member States to be represented on the Council</i>

**1. UAE AVIATION SECTOR**

1.1 The UAE's aviation sector has made the country a hub of the global transport network. However, the sector's impact extends far beyond its own geographical boundaries. It plays an important catalytic role in the region's development, providing global access for trade and tourism that is crucial to the economic diversification efforts of many resource-based economies.

1.2 UAE's intellectual and material contributions to the regional and international aviation industry are well recognized, leading to the honour of being nominated by the Arab Civil Aviation Organization as its candidate for Member of the Council of ICAO, under Part III.

1.3 Home to two of the finest international airline that have consistently maintained their leadership at the top of most prestigious global rankings, UAE's DXB International Airport has become the busiest international airport, handling over 100 million passengers annually. Collectively, the States four major international airports handle over 129 million passengers and few million tons of air cargo annually.

1.4 The UAE has achieved the highest scores and maintain # 1 global ranking for compliance in the ICAO USOAP and USAP audits. We provide safe, secure and efficient air traffic services to over 1,000,000 annual aircraft movements in the UAE Flight Information Region (FIR).

1.5 With 875 registered aircrafts, UAE continue to operate the largest fleet of A380 & B777 in the world serving over 180 destinations around the world. This has resulted in currently maintaining 8,779 of Pilot, 37,255 of Cabin Crew, 4,487 Aircraft Engineers, 451 of Air Traffic Controller licences in addition to 192 of approved maintenance organization.

1.6 With 176 Air Services Agreements, of which 108 are Open Skies, over 200 airlines operate to the UAE airports and enjoy the benefits of Open Skies. All this has been underpinned by our fully liberal air transport policy.

1.7 UAE submitted its first State Action plan for Emissions Reduction in 2012 followed by a comprehensive version in 2018. According to ICAO's evaluation of the Action Plans, out of 137 plans submitted, 46 States (which represents 38.7%) have submitted advanced plans with the future expected emissions and UAE was one of them.

## **2. OUR COMMITMENT TO ICAO**

2.1 UAE GCAA pioneered the establishment of an 'Audit Ready' program to support the ICAO's 'No Country Left Behind initiative'. Under the umbrella of this program, the least developed countries are offered technical assistance to up lift their aviation safety and security standards. In addition to this, 865 people have been provided onsite technical training in the ACAO, AFCAC, LACAC, ECCAA regions in the past 7 years.

2.2 UAE takes its 'member state obligations very seriously having hosted at least 1 major international event on behalf of ICAO for the past many years. These include UNOOSA, Cyber Security Symposium and Blockchain Summit just to name a few.

2.3 The UAE has devoted considerable efforts and resources to maintain a robust aviation security system. To enhance aviation security at the global, regional and national level, the UAE emphasizes the importance of international cooperation, including the membership in the ICAO AVSEC Panel. Looking ahead, UAE is actively contributing to address new and emerging threats and opportunities, through initiatives such as the establishment of a clear and harmonized taxonomy, procedure for reporting of aviation security incidents and development of a global and harmonized secure tool for the reporting, in order to assist Member States and the industry in implementing ICAO Standards in harmonized manner and in support to risk management and security culture.

2.4 In order to facilitate the sharing of information in accordance with ICAO principles regarding international cooperation and collaboration the United Arab Emirates have signed bilateral and multilateral MOUs regarding the sharing and protection of sensitive aviation security information with ICAO Member States, as appropriate. The objective of these bilateral and multilateral MOUs is to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of risk based aviation security measures.

2.5 The UAE has entered into collaborative arrangements and based on recognition of equivalence of security measures has implemented One-stop Security Arrangements, in order to contribute it the sustainability of the aviation security system, by avoiding unnecessary duplication of

security controls, where consistent with the assessment of risk, that rises benefits: for aviation security; for the industry; and for customers.

2.6 UAE became a permanent council member of the Committee of Aviation Environment Protection (CAEP) in March 2016 after serving efficiently as an observer for 6 years. UAE continues its engagement and support to ICAO’s-CAEP Committee and its Working Group with a number of experts in different areas. As at 2019, we have 8 experts in five main Working Groups such as: Alternative Fuel, Operation and Carbon Offsetting Reduction System (CORSA).

2.7 Additionally, in 2019, UAE was elected as a member of the newly established Technical Advisory Board (TAB).

2.8 Presented below is the list of UAE participation in various Committees and Working Groups:

No.	Name	Status
1	ICAO Safety Management Panel (SMP)	Chairman
2	Regional Aviation Safety Group – Middle East Steering Committee (RASG-MID SC)	Chairman
3	The Commission of Experts of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry (CESAIR)	Member
4	ICAO Airworthiness Panel (AIRP)	Member
5	ICAO Wake Turbulence Study Group	Member
6	ICAO ATC Fatigue Risk Management Task Force Panel	Member
7	ICAO ATM OPS Panel	Vice President
8	ICAO Aerodromes Panel	Member
9	ICAO Runway And Ground Safety Working Group	Member
10	National ANSP Safety Post Holder Committee	
11	ICAO Operations Panel (OPSP)	Member
12	ICAO Cabin Safety Working Group	Member

2.9 The UAE has been sharing its aviation security experience and contributing to improving aviation security at various ICAO AVSEC Panel Working Groups and Task Forces, as appropriate, and has hosted various WGs meetings, as well as the first meeting of the Task Force on Aviation Safety Data and Aviation Security Incidents Reporting (TF-ASDASIR). The UAE is honoured to have served as Chair of the TF-ASDASIR Sub-Group on Aviation Security Incidents Reporting (TF-ASDASIR/SG-ASIR).

2.10 In order to contribute in the further development in the field of the civil aviation facilitation, the UAE has served as a member of the ICAO FAL Panel, with objective to help Member States in achieving maximum efficiency in their border clearance operations and at the same time achieve and maintain high-quality security and effective law enforcement. Our Contribution in ICAO Committees and Working Groups

### 3. OUR COMMITMENT TO THE GLOBAL AVIATION INDUSTRY

3.1 In recognition of the benefits to promote improvements in the air transport infrastructure, liberalization, financial and non-financial resource contributions to the ICAO, we established the

US\$ 1 Million Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Global Aviation Award. This richest award in the history of aviation recognizes the States, individuals and organizations for their commitment to the development of the aviation industry.

#### **4. CANDIDATURE TO THE ICAO COUNCIL UNDER PART III**

4.1 We seek the privilege to continue contributing as an ICAO Council Member, and would deeply appreciate the support of ICAO Member States for UAE's candidature for re-election to the Council of ICAO, in Part III, at the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly. It is our honor to inform the Assembly that in May 2019, Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) announced its support for the candidature of the United Arab Emirates.

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