



## **ASSEMBLY — 40TH SESSION**

### **PLENARY**

#### **Agenda Item 8: Statements by delegations of Member States**

##### **STATEMENT BY JAPAN**

(Presented by Mr. Takamitsu Asawa, the Head of the Delegation of Japan)

Good morning,

President of the 40th Assembly of ICAO,  
Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, President of the Council of ICAO,  
Dr. Fang Liu, Secretary General of ICAO,  
Distinguished Delegates and Observers,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 It is a great honor for me to make a brief statement on behalf of the Japanese government before this ICAO Assembly.

1.2 I wish to start by expressing my deepest appreciation to the President of the Council, the Secretary General for both excellent leadership, and my sincere regard also goes to all Secretary for their efforts in driving forward ICAO initiatives.

1.3 I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm Japan's full support to ICAO for its vision and activities toward achieving a growth of the global civil aviation system by developing and fostering standards and recommendations in such fields of safety, security, air navigation and environmental protection. Let me introduce Japan's priority and engagements as follows.

#### **2. ENHANCEMENT AIRPORTS IN METROPLITAN AREA**

2.1 First, Japan is promoting measures to enhance inbound tourism. As a result, the number of foreign tourists visiting Japan has increased significantly every year and there has been a demand for an increase in slots at airports in the Tokyo metropolitan area. According to this background, Japan has strengthened the functions of the airports in Tokyo metropolitan area. The Haneda Airport has been increasing approximately 39,000 slots a year from the 2020 summer schedule. The Narita Airport has been increasing 40,000 slots a year. This will enable to expand our aviation network between countries around the world and Japan and these lead to improve that it is now easier for everyone here to visit Japan.

### 3. NATIONAL EVENT FOR JAPAN

3.1 Second, Japan will face an important events successively for the next few years. The G20 Osaka Summit was held in June this year. The World Cup Rugby Tokyo Tournament is currently being held in Japan. And next month, the most important national event for Japan, “Emperor’s enthronement ceremony” is going to be held, and the largest number of special aircrafts on board special guests will visit Japan.

3.2 Furthermore, next year, Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics games will be held. Through these terms, Japan prioritize to enhance efficiency in air navigation and security measures while maintaining safety level. Japan will continue to play an initiative role in improving the global aviation security level by utilizing the experiences of Japan when conducting activities in these various fields.

### 4. AVIATION SAFETY

4.1 Third, I would like to take up the safety. While aviation demand is growing, the significance of aviation safety grows more and more. In an effort to keep up with the pace of ICAO’s various initiatives such as development of a Global Aviation Safety Plan, all Japanese aviation stakeholders will continue to make a collaborative effort for the improvement of aviation safety.

### 5. AVIATION SECURITY

5.1 Fourth, in the field of aviation security, Japan has been intensifying aviation security measures such as the introduction of the state-of-the-art aviation security inspection equipment in preparation for 2020 Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics. The need for support for capacity development are strongly demanded all over the world in light of the high level of terrorist threats targeting aviation. We will continue to play a leading role in improving the global aviation security level by utilizing our experiences and achievements in various initiatives.

### 6. ENVIRONMENT

6.1 Next, I would like to take up the environmental issue. Japan recognizes that tackling climate change is one of the most priorities of the international aviation community. Japan appreciates the enormous efforts made by ICAO on this issue with its strong leadership.

6.2 Japan has been participating in discussions to establish detailed rules required for the implementation of Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) agreed at the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly, and has played an important role in the decision making.

6.3 And Furthermore, Japan has been making efforts to properly implement CORSIA across the world through active participation in Assistance, Capacity-building and Training on CORSIA (ACT-CORSIA) and sharing our knowledge and experiences.

## 7. **AIR NAVIGATIONRN SERVICE**

7.1 Next, with regard to the issue of air navigation, modernization and global harmonization have been promoted based on Global Air Navigation Plan, GANP.

7.2 For the purpose of expanding these activities in the air navigation service field from one's own country to the neighboring countries, and from the neighboring countries to the entire Asia and Pacific Region, Japan will continue to take international actions in Communication, Navigation and Surveillance / Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) in order to realize a seamless ATM, thereby contributing to activities to establish international standards towards the realization of the future vision of ICAO.

## 8. **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

8.1 Mr. President, I would like to briefly mention about international cooperation. The reality of the current situation is that, there are significant disparities among states around world, specifically in the fields such as civil aviation systems, and in human resources and technology in relation to aviation technology development.

8.2 In order to help remedy this situation, Japan has been dispatching experts to countries in the Asia and Pacific region to support formulation of safety audit system, voluntary reporting system and assist in preparing the management tool and an oversight program for the safety oversight system and review the oversight procedure.

8.3 Through this technical cooperation, Japan will continue to contribute to the securing of aviation safety in line with the No Country Left Behind Initiative promoted by the ICAO.

## 9. **HUMAN RESOURCES**

9.1 Last but not least, with the increase of importance and complications of the issues addressed by ICAO, I would like to point out the importance of securing skilled and highly capable human resources for placing them in the right place.

9.2 Therefore, I would like to mention that Japan will promote human contributions at the ICAO Secretariat by dispatching excellent human resources to various fields including legal and economic fields.

## 10. **CONCLUSION**

Finally, I hope this session of the Assembly will turn out to be a great success for commemorable 75th Anniversary of ICAO, as well as I look forward to meeting you at the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics in the coming 2020.

Thank you very much.

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