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Agenda Item 8: Statements by delegations of Member States

STATEMENT BY SUDAN

(Presented by Captain Mustafa Said Ahmed AlDwahi, Head of the Delegation
of the Republic of Sudan)

Honorable Ministers

Accredited Ambassadors and Members of the Diplomatic Mission

Heads and members of the delegations of the Contracting States

Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu, President of the ICAO Council

Dr. Fang Liu, ICAO Secretary General

Representatives of international and regional organizations

Ladies and gentlemen, participants of the Assembly

Peace, mercy and blessings of God upon you

As I address this esteemed Assembly for the first time, it is my pleasure to congratulate the Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Assembly on the confidence given to them by the ICAO Contracting States. I would also like to applaud the efforts exerted by ICAO in developing standards and recommended Practices (SARPs) in all aspects of aviation safety, security and environment for safe and efficient air transport.

As we celebrate its Diamond Jubilee, the organization was able to maintain this remarkable performance for 75 years, I am pleased and honored to extend my sincere congratulations from the Republic of Sudan to the leadership of ICAO and to all the Contracting States on this important and happy occasion.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since the last General Assembly in 2016, Sudan has maintained progress in the field of safety, where it is still ranked among the most favorite countries in aviation safety with an effective implementation of 75.24% of the overall performance, and an implementation rate of 79.39% of the national safety program, which reached 92.9% at the third level of implementation, this exceeds the global target level on this stage, which is the second level and thus Sudan is ahead of many of its peers at the international and regional levels.

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In the same context, in the field of Safety, Sudan occupies the ninth rank among the MID States and the seventh rank among African countries. Sudan has also managed to keep a clean record of Zero accidents over the last five years due to its high and sustainable safety performance and due to the effectiveness of the safety oversight system.

In an area that not far from safety, air navigation, Sudan has achieved all the objectives planned in the PBN program, ranking the second among the countries of the Middle East region with 100% implementation.

Sudan has a distinct geographical location as a crossroads of air routes between North, South, East and West. Sudan obligated himself to secure these vital routes, with providing the best surveillance equipment, Sudan's aerospace is completely covered by radar, ADS-B full direct communication cover the entire aerospace, it includes voice and data communication, CPDLC and ADS-C. A major transition from AIS to AIM was achieved and the ISO certification was obtained.

In the field of airports, which has become completely separated from the regulatory body, the Civil Aviation Authority has licensed four international airports that have met the international and national safety standards while the rest of the airports are on progress.

In the field of training on aviation activities, there are a large number of training organizations that licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority, one of which is the largest (Sudan Academy of Aviation Science and Technology), SUDAFAST has for several years full membership in the TRAINAIR Plus program, In addition to the regular activity, this Academy offers university degrees in Aviation Management and in air traffic management.

In the field of aviation security, Sudan has achieved an effective implementation rate of 71.36% in the last audit, which exceeds the global average. Sudan continues efforts to enhance the aviation security oversight system and the continuous monitoring approach (CMA), based on the complete separation between the regulatory function and services in the civil aviation sector in Sudan.

In the field of environment, Sudan did not volunteer to join the CORSIA program, but it plays the role assigned to it according to the requirements of the program. The Civil Aviation Authority intends to urge the operators to adopt clean and renewable energy projects and to encourage projects to produce emission units within the carbon market. In this context, Sudan produces about 200 million litres of ethanol per year from one sugar factory, it is one of the largest sugar factories in the world.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Sudan is a rich country in natural and human resources with a gross domestic product of more than \$ 100 billion. Arable land of 42 million acres, of which 4.7 million acres are irrigated by rivers, it constitutes 46% of the arable land in the Arab world, the largest producer of Arabic gum in the world and the third largest producer of sesame, Sudan owns more than 130 million head of cattle, 30 million of cows, 37 million of sheep, 33 million of goats, 45 million of poultry, 100,000 tons of river fisheries and 10,000 tons for marine fisheries, Sudan currently produces 120,000 barrels of oil per day with proven reserves of 6.8 billion barrels and 2010 billion cubic meters of Gas reserves, the production of gold ranges between 150-250 tons per year and ranked the third in Africa.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Definitely, all the world has followed during the past months in the Media and the social Media that the great Sudanese nation that I have the honor to be one of them, have made a peaceful revolution, it becomes an icon among the countries of the world thanks to its peacefulness and the sacrifices made by the Sudanese people.

This change that led by Sudanese women, declared the official birth of a new Sudan, based on freedom, peace, justice and respect for human rights.

This new Sudan, which has just mentioned its rich resources, needs the support and synergy of the international community. Sudan needs an investments in infrastructure, services, agriculture and mining, and indeed in airports and air navigation that will allow all these resources and services to be transported to and from the world. Sudan is promised with development boom that will undoubtedly include air transport which links geographically and connects people.

Sudan needs the world to remove barriers it has put in place for the siege of the former regime which lasted for thirty years. There is no longer any justification for its existence because it now impedes the movement of growth and development and impedes freedom, peace and finally paralyze the Sudanese nation.

Today, this new Sudan, the giant coming from Africa, has the honor of presenting itself after being nominated by the African continent as a candidate for the third part of the ICAO Council for the period 2019-2022. With this nomination, for the first time in our history, Sudan will have the opportunity in his new dress to contribute in the aviation industry to the development of the industry from the leadership seat in the Governing Council of the Organization.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your support for this nomination is a guarantee for a new Sudan, a demonstration in support of freedom, peace and justice and a guarantee for safe, efficient and sustainable air transport in Sudan.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the end of my speech, I apologize for the prolongation and the excessive enthusiasm. But I stay here, I preferred to share us the pleasure of our historical peaceful movement.

I wish you a successful Assembly, a rich deliberation and safe journey back home
Peace, mercy and blessings of God upon all of you

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