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STATEMENT BY JAPAN

(Presented by Mr. Hiroshi Tabata, the Head of the Delegation of Japan)

Mr. Azharuddin Abdul Rahman, President of the 39th 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 honour 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, Dr. Aliu, for his excellent leadership, and my sincere regard also goes to the Secretariat 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 sustainable growth of the global civil aviation system by developing standards and recommendations in such fields as safety and security, air navigation and environmental protection, focusing on the concept of No Country Left Behind.

1.4 Of all these important issues, I would like to highlight several points on which Japan has placed its highest priority.

2. ENVIRONMENT

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

2.2 I understand that a number of meetings were held during the past three years, and discussions were conducted from different perspectives, toward development of the GMBM scheme, and Japan has made active contribution in advancing the deliberations through participation in all these meetings. I firmly believe that a fruitful agreement among all the member States regarding GMBM is critical. I also feel that participation in this scheme by as many member States as possible is extremely important. Japan has already expressed its intent to voluntarily participate in this scheme from the beginning, and sincerely expects each of the member State to do so.

2.3 Japan recognizes that this agreement manifests the strongest commitment that we, the aviation community, have made to address this global issue under ICAO's leadership.

3. SAFETY & SECURITY

3.1 Secondly, I would like to refer to aviation safety. During the next three years, Global Aviation Safety Plan, GASP, will advance to the next term. Japan is ready to more actively contribute to the successful implementation of GASP, making the most use of our knowledge and experience gained through activities in Japan according to State Safety Program.

3.2 With regard to aviation security, Japan continues to actively contribute to the development of Global Aviation Security Plan, so that a globally harmonious reinforcement of aviation security protocol can be accomplished.

4. AIR NAVIGATION

4.1 Next, with regard to the issue of air navigation, modernization and global harmonization have been promoted based on Global Air Navigation Plan, GANP. Japan has been actively addressing research and development based on its national strategy called CARATS, Collaborative Actions for Renovation on Air Traffic Systems, and is trying to make continued contributions to effective implementation of GANP.

5. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

5.1 Mr. President, I would like to briefly mention about international cooperation. Japan has been dispatching experts to seven countries* in the Asia and Pacific region to support formulation of safety audit system and establishment of a training scheme to cultivate human resources for air navigation service. In addition, Japan has become the first country to provide funds to Aviation Safety Implementation Assistance Partnership program under Safety Fund. I would like to reaffirm that Japan continues to contribute to further development of international civil aviation by meeting the region-specific needs.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 Last but not least, I would like to emphasize that ICAO should give importance to carrying out its multiple obligations in the most effective and efficient manner under the constraints of budget and

* Indonesia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Tajikistan, Thailand, Vietnam

human resources. On the other hand, 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 regardless of his or her academic acquirement.

I hope this session of the Assembly will turn out to be a great success.

Thank you.

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