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**DRAFT TEXT FOR THE GENERAL SECTION OF
THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION'S REPORT**

The attached material for inclusion in the General Section and Agenda Item 38 of its Report is submitted for consideration by the Economic Commission.

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION TO THE ASSEMBLY

General

1. The Economic Commission held three meetings between 27 September and 7 October 2016.
2. Mr. Geoffrey Puseletso Moshabesha (Botswana) was elected Chairperson of the Commission at the second Plenary meeting of the Assembly. The Commission, at its first meeting, elected Mr. David Dueñas (Chile) and Mr. Hiroki Matsumoto (Japan) as First and Second Vice-Chairpersons, respectively.
3. Representatives from ... Member States and ... Observer Delegations attended one or more meetings of the Commission.
4. The Secretary of the Commission was Mr. B. Djibo, Director of the Air Transport Bureau (ATB). The Deputy Secretary was Mr. T. Hasegawa, Deputy Director, Economic Development, ATB. The Assistant Secretaries, all staff of ATB, were Mr. P. Alawani, Mr. F. Malaud, Mr. A. Sainarayan and Mr. Y.-Z. Wang, with Mr. C. Mustapha as the Liaison Officer.

Agenda and working arrangements

5. Agenda Items 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, and 43 referred to the Commission by the Plenary were considered:
 - Item 38: Annual Reports of the Council to the Assembly for 2013, 2014 and 2015
 - Item 39: Economic Regulation of International Air Transport — Policy
 - Item 40: Economics of Airports and Air Navigation Services — Policy
 - Item 41: Aviation Data — Monitoring and Analysis
 - Item 42: Economic Development of Air Transport
 - Item 43: Other issues to be considered by the Economic Commission
6. The documentation considered by the Commission is available on the ICAO website (<http://www.icao.int/Meetings/a39/Pages/default.aspx>). The Commission carried out all of its work in full session. The action taken by the Commission in respect of each item is reported on separately in the paragraphs which follow.

Agenda Item 38: Annual Reports of the Council to the Assembly for 2013, 2014 and 2015

38.1 The Economic Commission, at its first meeting, considered relevant sections of the Annual Reports of the Council for 2013, 2014 and 2015 and the supplementary Report covering the first six months of 2016.

38.2 The chapters included The World of Air Transport, which highlights the principal trends and developments in the world economy and the aviation industry, as well as the chapter related to air transport work programmes which, for the year 2013 covered Strategic Objective — *Sustainable Development of Air Transport*, and for the years 2014 and 2015 covered Strategic Objective — *Economic Development of Air Transport*. The Appendices on statistical data are also considered as the relevant chapter.

38.3 The Commission noted that ICAO's air transport activities include on-going work on air transport policies and regulation, economics of airports and air navigation services, aviation data including statistics, forecasting and economic analysis, and joint financing administration. The Commission recognized that air transport activities were supporting ICAO's *No Country Left Behind* initiative.