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A PROPOSAL FOR A LEGAL SEMINAR IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

(Presented by the Republic of Korea)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper outlines a proposal of the Republic of Korea (ROK) to convene a regional legal seminar in either Seoul or another major city in the ROK in 2021, with the joint sponsorship of the ICAO Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau (LEB).

The Assembly is invited to note the proposal in this paper and support the seminar.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Supporting Implementation Strategies – Legal and External Relations Services
<i>Financial implications:</i>	Not applicable.
<i>References:</i>	Annex 19 – <i>Safety Management, 2nd Edition</i> Doc 9859 – <i>Safety Management Manual, 4th Edition</i> Doc 9735 – <i>Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme continuous monitoring approach</i> A40-WP/51, <i>A Comprehensive strategy for aviation safety: Endorsement of the updated Global Aviation Safety Plan</i>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 With respect to paragraph 3, Work Programme of the Legal Committee, in A40-WP/78 under Agenda Item 38, the Republic of Korea (ROK) is willing to continue its contribution to the ICAO work programme in the legal field by holding a regional legal seminar in 2021.

1.2 Considering the importance of regional legal seminars for training and informing civil aviation officials and industry executives in the Asia-Pacific region regarding legal developments in the aviation field, the ROK proposes to convene a regional legal seminar, with the joint sponsorship of ICAO, under the theme related to “The Development in Air Law and Aviation Safety and Security” either in Seoul or another major city in the ROK in 2021.

2. PROPOSED REGIONAL LEGAL SEMINAR IN 2018

2.1 States to which the ICAO Asia-Pacific Office is accredited will be invited to the proposed regional legal seminar.

2.2 The proposed regional legal seminar will discuss the following subjects:

- a) Legal framework for cooperative measures to deal with threats in civil aviation; and
- b) Legal matters of interest to the Asia-Pacific aviation community.

2.3 Details of the program and budget of the regional legal seminar in 2021 shall be decided through consultations amongst potential members of an organizing committee which consists of representatives of the LEB, the ROK government authorities and related organizations.

3. INTERNATIONAL AVIATION COOPERATION

3.1 The ROK has held a number of international seminars and conferences in the aviation arena, including six times of Conference on International Air Transport Cooperation since 2004 until this year and five times of ICAO Legal Seminar in the Asia-Pacific Region in 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2018. In particular, the Air Law Moot Court Competition was held right after the ICAO Legal Seminar, providing a valuable stepping stone for the talented youth in becoming the future leaders in the field of aviation law. Also, many participants enjoyed a meaningful time at the Conference on International Air Transport Cooperation 2019 held alongside the ICAO Air Transport Symposium, a major event of ICAO.

3.2 The ROK will observe the responsibility of a Member State hosting a regional legal seminar and make every effort to hold a successful and fruitful seminar in which participating Member States can exchange views on legal issues both in the regional and in the international aviation community.

4. FUTURE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ASIA-PACIFIC LEGAL SEMINAR

4.1 The proposed seminar is expected to strengthen the development of cooperative legal framework for aviation safety and security in the Asia-Pacific region.

4.2 The proposed seminar will contribute to the settlement of difficulties in dealing with legal issues amongst the Member States within the Asia-Pacific Region.

4.3 The proposed seminar will serve as an excellent opportunity to promote the legislative policies of ICAO to all the Member States beyond the Asia-Pacific.