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ROBERTO KOBEB GONZÁLEZ RE-ELECTED AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MONTREAL, 21 November 2007 – Roberto Kobeh González was unanimously re-elected on Monday, for a full three-year term, as President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Mr. Kobeh first assumed office as President of the Council on 1 August 2006, after having been elected to complete the mandate of Dr. Assad Kotaite, who retired on 31 July after 30 years in the position. The re-election of Mr. Kobeh comes a few weeks after the 36th Session of the ICAO Assembly held in late September.

“A record number of 179 Member States and 44 observer delegations at the Assembly, 1488 delegates in all, sent a powerful message as to the critical strategic importance of ICAO in establishing the future direction of international civil aviation over the next three years and beyond,” stated Mr. Kobeh.

“I am committed to honoring this trust, by ensuring that ICAO continues to exercise its leadership as the central institution for global governance in civil aviation, in a spirit of cooperation among all stakeholders, so that air travelers all over the world have access to air transport that is as safe, secure, efficient and sustainable as possible,” he added.

Mr. Kobeh González served as Representative of Mexico on the Council of ICAO from January 1998 until his election as President in 2006. While on the ICAO Council, he served as First Vice-President, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and as a member of the Air Transport Committee.

Prior to joining the Organization, he held a number of posts of increasing responsibility with his Government’s Directorate General of Civil Aeronautics. As Deputy Director General in the area of Administration and Air Transport, he took part in negotiations on bilateral agreements with various countries. From 1978 to 1997, he served as Director General of the Air Navigation Services of Mexico (SENEAM), the agency responsible for providing navigation, air traffic control, meteorology and aeronautical communications services.

NOTE TO EDITORS: The curriculum vitae of Mr. Kobeh González is available on the ICAO website: www.icao.int/icao/en/pres

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 190 Contracting States.

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