



**Congratulatory remarks
by the Council President of the
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO),
Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano,
on the occasion of the inauguration of the Egyptian National Airspace Management Centre**

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*His Excellency the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt Abdel Fattah el-Sisi,
Honourable Ministers,
Distinguished participants at the inauguration of the Egyptian National Airspace Centre,
Ladies and Gentlemen,*

On behalf of ICAO and its 193 Member States, I wish to congratulate Egypt and its civil aviation authority today on the inauguration of the Egyptian National Airspace Management Centre.

I also wish to applaud the great efforts of the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority towards enhanced Air Traffic Management, which will deliver important benefits to regional and national aviation safety and efficiency. It is well recognized how the establishment of the Egyptian National Airspace Management Centre supports current international aviation priorities, in the areas of Air Traffic Flow Management, civil-military cooperation/flexible use of airspace, airspace design and the Integrated Flight Plan Processing System, taking full account of stakeholders' operational requirements.

This inauguration confirms Egypt's leadership in the field of aviation. Its contribution to the Council of ICAO is tremendous and I wish in this regard to thank very much the current Egyptian Representative on the Council, Mrs. Angie Elyazzy. ICAO is also very grateful for the leadership and key support which Egypt provides to Africa and specifically the ICAO Middle East Region through its hosting of ICAO's MID Regional Office in Cairo since 1953, and we are pleased to see its commitment to civil aviation progress being once again demonstrated through the realization of this important new air traffic management resource.

We know that the Middle East Region face challenges due to a non-uniform development of international air transport. Egypt has played systematically a constructive role in the Region facilitating the resolution of difficulties. I wish to take this opportunity today to thank very much Egyptian leaders for their contribution and commitment to the safe, secure and ordered development of international air transport.

My congratulations are extended to H.E. Captain Mohamed Enaba, Minister of Civil Aviation, Dr. Ashraf Nowier, President of Egypt's Civil Aviation Authority and to the Chairman of Egypt's National Air Navigation Service Company, Mr. Ehab Mohey Eldin Azmy, on this latest and very noteworthy achievement for Egyptian and regional air transport.

Thank you.