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LEGAL COMMISSION

Agenda Item 42: Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies in the legal field

**A PROPOSAL FOR THE SECOND EDITION OF THE
CIVIL AVIATION LEGAL ADVISERS FORUM**

(Presented by Oman)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper outlines a proposal by the Sultanate of Oman to host the second edition of the Civil Aviation Legal Advisers Forum (CALAF), with the support of the ICAO Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau (LEB).

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

<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>	A40-28, Appendix G, <i>Enhancing the capacity and effectiveness of States to implement air law treaties and update national laws and regulations</i> A40-WP/204, <i>Civil Aviation Legal Advisers Forum</i>

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The inaugural Civil Aviation Legal Advisers Forum (CALAF), was organised by the ICAO Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau (LEB) and hosted by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) from 16 to 17 May 2019 in Singapore. More than 80 legal advisers from 40 States and one regional organization attended. This inaugural edition of CALAF enabled legal advisers from civil aviation administrations to share and exchange views on current issues of interest to the international aviation community and on strengthening their support for their Organizations and State.

1.2 In welcoming the First edition of CALAF, the ICAO Assembly, in Resolution A40-28, Appendix G, *Enhancing the capacity and effectiveness of States to implement air law treaties and update national laws and regulations*, invited Member States to support the CALAF initiative and to consider hosting subsequent editions of the Forum as well as encourage and facilitate their legal advisers to participate in and to contribute to the Forum.

1.3 Accordingly, with a view, support the implementation of Resolution A40-28, the Sultanate of Oman wishes to make a proposal to host in February or March 2023 the second edition of CALAF, with support from LEB.

2. PROPOSED SECOND EDITION OF CALAF

2.1 Considering the important role that civil aviation legal advisers and air law practitioners play in supporting their States and Organizations to implement air law treaties, to formulate and update national laws and regulations to give effect to national policies and regulatory requirements, and to contribute to adherence to the rule of law, Oman proposes to host the second edition of CALAF, with support from LEB. It is intended that this second edition of CALAF would be organized by the Civil Aviation Authority of Oman and will take place in Muscat or in another major city in Oman.

2.2 The proposed second edition of CALAF will facilitate a continuing focus of attention on issues of interest to the international aviation community in the legal field and closer interaction and collaboration among air law professionals, particularly those serving in organizations that regulate civil aviation, through the presentation of issues on a variety of topical legal subjects and include inputs from industry on some issues.

2.3 Participation in the Forum would be open to, inter alia, civil aviation legal advisers and air law practitioners who are interested in supporting their State or Organization to respond effectively to new and emerging opportunities, challenges and threats to the development of international civil aviation.

2.4 Oman will observe the responsibility of a Member State hosting a worldwide ICAO event and will make every effort to hold a successful and fruitful event to benefit participating Member States.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 With a view to ensure that legal advisers effectively carry out their responsibilities to support their States in the development and implementation of air law, the proposed CALAF will contribute to the continuous update and enhancement of their competencies, capabilities and capacities while promoting closer collaboration between them as well as contributing to the dissemination of knowledge on international air law.