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TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION AND CIVIL AVIATION INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Presented by the Arab Civil Aviation Organization)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the framework of regional cooperation adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Council, based on the objectives set by the strategy and related to the efficient resources' use, and provision of the necessary guidance and assistance to Member States, to allow them to fulfil their responsibilities arising from the Convention of the organization, and in order to avoid duplication and promote unification of the region, the Arab Civil Aviation Organization has developed a joint action plan with the International Civil Aviation Organization (Cairo and Paris Offices) and with relevant Regional and International Organizations for the coming three years 2019-2021.

Action: The Assembly is invited to:

- a) support this program and allocate a percentage of ICAO's budget for its implementation

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to all Strategic Objectives.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	
<i>References:</i>	Doc 7300/9, <i>Convention on International Civil Aviation</i>

¹ Arabic and English versions provided by ACAO.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Under the framework of continuous cooperation and coordination with similar international and regional organizations, and discussion of relevant civil aviation matters, and facilitation of bilateral and regional cooperation to address common interest issues, in order to establish joint programs and priorities and enhance safety and air navigation capacity and efficiency, security and environmental protection and avoid duplication and promote unification of efforts in the region, annual coordination meetings are held among international and regional civil aviation organizations, during which the objectives, priorities and areas of cooperation are presented for the joint organization of regional civil aviation activities in various fields (meetings, seminars, workshops, conferences, etc.), and in view of assisting States in harmonizing systems, requirements and operational procedures based on the standards and recommendations issued by ICAO and exploring opportunities to strengthen links with databases of relevant international and regional civil aviation organizations and establishing mechanisms for consultation and cooperation, including sharing electronic information, to enable all organizations to follow structured joint programs and plans and thus avoid duplication of work.

1.2 It is also emphasized during these meetings that each organization should take into account the schedule of events of other organizations when developing future programs of work to avoid overlap, especially if the target group of participants is the same. These formats are also designed to organize joint activities in various areas of civil aviation: air navigation and safety, air transport, aviation security, environmental protection and other issues considered relevant to each region and effective implementation of regional management.

1.3 This is part of ICAO's policy on regional cooperation aiming to formulate and implement regional activities to strengthen the role of regional organizations as the Global Aviation Forum, as well as to strengthen the relationship between ICAO and relevant regional and international organizations, and reinforce the understanding of States and international and regional organizations for their roles and make them benefit from each other's experiences.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

2.1 To implement operational plans and harmonize between States and international and regional organizations in terms of operational regulations, requirements and procedures based on the implementation of ICAO's Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) in order to achieve aviation efficiency and safety, it is necessary to provide all the financial and human resources, and fruitful and constructive cooperation and coordination in various technical and policy areas.

2.2 Supporting such cooperation and joint programs based on the collective needs of States in all regions would increase the awareness of Member States of all ICAO requirements and standards improve their implementation and achieve balance between users and service providers in the field of civil aviation.