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*Address by the ICAO Eastern and Southern African
Regional Director Mr. Barry Kashambo
to the Loss of Control in Flight (LOC-I) Symposium
(Nairobi, Kenya, 22-24 June 2015)*

- **The Secretary General of AFRAA, Dr. Elisha Chingosho**
- **Director General, Kenya Civil Aviation Authority- Capt Gilbert Kibe**
- **Representatives of International and Regional Organisations;**
- **Colleagues from the ESAF and ICAO HQ**
- **Distinguished Guests**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**
- **All Protocol Observed**

1. On behalf of the President of the ICAO Council Dr Bernard Olimuyiwa Aliu, the Secretary General of ICAO ,Mr Raymond Benjamin and Secretary of Regional Aviation Safety Group-AFI (RASG AFI), Mam Sait Jallow (RD ICAO WACAF), I would like to welcome you to Nairobi and express my great pleasure to witnessing the opening ceremony of the Loss of Control-In Flight (LOC-I) Symposium.

2. As you are aware the current key emerging Safety Issues Safety as Identified by ICAO are: Runway Safety, Loss of Control-In Flight (LOC-I) and Controlled flight Into Terrain (CFIT). The 2nd RASG-AFI meeting held in Dakar, Senegal, in November 2013 designated Kenya as the Champion for Emerging Safety Issues Safety Support Team.
3. By organizing and hosting this LOC-I Symposium in collaboration of the ICAO ESAF Regional Office, Kenya is undoubtedly demonstrating its commitment and leadership in spearheading safety initiatives aiming at reducing accidents rate in the Africa Indian Ocean (AFI Region), while fostering increased safety as per the Abuja Safety Targets.
4. It is factual that Loss of Control in-flight (LOC-I) has been found to be the main causal factor of accidents resulting in the highest fatality rate and hull lose and is therefore of global concern. It is my sincere hope that this Symposium will provide a platform for sharing information and experiences on LOC-I phenomena , familiarize with the Standards and Recommended Practices of ICAO on Upset Prevention and Recovery Training and explore realistic LOC-I mitigation means.
5. Ladies and gentlemen, Africa is facing a lot of challenges in the field of aviation safety. Statistics indicate that the accident rate in Africa was at estimated figure of 10.1 per million departures in 2014, compared to a world-ICAO members' average of 3.1. The average Effective Implementation index of the eight critical elements of a State safety Oversight System is 45.76 %, below the world average of

62.82 % and Abuja Safety Target of 60%. Furthermore, with an annual traffic growth is 4.6%, the safety risk levels in the AFI region is heightened. Therefore, initiatives like mitigation of LOC-I aiming at promoting aviation safety should be encouraged.

6. Given the wide range of technical areas that LOC-I encompasses in the domain of personnel licensing and aircraft operations, I invite you to consider this Symposium as a catalyst for the joint efforts that are devoted by Civil Aviation Authorities, the Industry and other stakeholders, in their respective responsibilities to improve safety oversight systems and safety of operations.
7. As participants of various background and entities and regions from all over Africa, Europe, North America and beyond, the focus should be on setting this event as a milestone in a collaborative effort to address one the most challenging aviation safety issue worldwide.
8. We should endeavour to harness the existing synergies not only for sensitization purposes but also for developing concrete proposals to overcome this safety concern in a cohesive manner.
9. In conclusion, I would like to call upon each one of us in our individual capacities, competencies and experiences to improve our specialised areas in the aviation system and spread best practices in order to mitigate LOC-I occurrences. The dedicated effort that has so far been made to reduce LOC-I accidents and incidents will have a positive impact in further enhancing aviation safety and development of air transport at large.

10. ICAO wishes to pledge its highest commitment and reassurance for continued assistance, guidance and support to States, as we pursue safety initiatives directed towards strengthening safety oversight systems and fostering the development of aviation in Africa.

I wish you fruitful deliberations and a successful Symposium.

Thank you.