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**OPENING REMARKS ON WORKSHOP ON LOSS OF CONTROL IN-FLIGHT  
(LOC-I) AND UPSET PREVENTION AND RECOVERY (UPRT)**

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  - **Participants in your various capacities**
  - **Ladies and Gentlemen**
1. On behalf of the President of ICAO Council, the Secretary General of ICAO and Secretary of the Regional Aviation Safety Group-AFI (RASG-AFI), I would like to express my great pleasure to welcome you to this very important Workshop on Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) and Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT), here at the Ethiopian Aviation Academy, in Addis Ababa. Allow me to express our thanks to the people and Government authorities of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia for the warm hospitality and offer to host this event.
  
  2. The high participation to this Workshop shows the interest that your respective Administration, Organization and you as individuals attach to this important

subject of LOC-I and the need for collaborative effort effectively address this adverse safety issue.

3. As you may recall, the 2nd RASG-AFI meeting held in Dakar, Senegal, in November 2013, designated Kenya as the Champion for Emerging Safety Issues Safety Support Team, dealing with Runway Safety, Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) and Controlled flight Into Terrain (CFIT). In this respect, Kenya, with the support of the Regional Office as coordinator for Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) Safety Support Team, organized a LOC-I Symposium in Nairobi, Kenya, from 22 to 24 June 2015. Therefore this Workshop in Addis Ababa is a follow-up of the Nairobi Symposium which made several recommendations among which is a 5-year action plan that was endorsed by the third RASG-AFI meeting held in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire from 3 to 4 December 2015.
4. It is anticipated that the Workshop will address LOC-I safety issues with the aim of circumventing related accidents or incidents and will put emphasis, among others, on implementing Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT) as one of the key mitigating measure.
5. As you are aware, Loss of Control In-flight (LOC-I) is one of the main causes of accidents with the highest fatality rate and hull loss throughout the world. I have no doubt that this Workshop will be a key enabler for implementing the Standards and Recommended Practices of ICAO on Upset Prevention and Recovery Training (UPRT) and for significantly contributing to the reduction of aviation accident rate.
6. Ladies and gentlemen, Africa has for long faced challenges in maintaining high safety levels of aviation. In 2015, the accident rate in Africa was recorded as 7.3 per million departures in compared to a world-ICAO members' average of 2.8. The average Effective Implementation level of the eight critical elements of a State Oversight System is currently at 47.33 %, which is below the world

average of 63.67 % and Abuja Safety Target of 60%. However, the annual traffic growth is 4.7% posing a heightened level of risk that requires a proactive approach to address the risk by focused initiatives such as this safety Workshop.

7. The broad scope of professionals and expertise attending this Workshop, and the wide spectrum of the subject to be discussed and presented including personnel licensing, aircraft operations, safety management and a practical flight simulator demonstration in particular, will enhance your knowledge and skills at various levels within Civil Aviation Authorities and Industry
8. In conclusion, I would like to call upon each one of you in your individual capacities to improve aviation system within your domain and employ best practices in order to implement UPRT and mitigate LOC-I occurrences. I wish to reassure you that ICAO will continue to provide necessary assistance to States and support to safety initiatives in order to strengthen safety oversight systems and safety management systems thus fostering the development of aviation in Africa.
9. Once again, I would like to express my gratitude on the Ethiopian authorities for hosting this event and for providing all the necessary facilities.
10. I would like also to extend this to the facilitators who have come sacrificed their variable time as we approach the festive season all the way from Europe, Canada and United States to share their knowledge ,skills and experiences on LOC-I and UPRT.
11. I wish you a most successful Workshop.

***THANK YOU.***