



ASSEMBLY — 37TH SESSION

PLENARY

Agenda Item 8: Election of Contracting States to be represented on the Council

CANDIDATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

(Presented by Singapore)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Government of the Republic of Singapore has the honour to announce its candidature for re-election as a Member on the Council of ICAO, in Part II, at the elections to be held during the 37th Session of the ICAO General Assembly.

2. ONE COMMON VISION

2.1 Singapore shares ICAO's vision of promoting safety, security, efficiency, and sustainability of civil aviation globally, and recognises the socio-economic benefits international civil aviation brings to States.

3. CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION

3.1 Through its civil aviation authority, airlines, airports and other aviation industries, Singapore plays a significant part in fostering the growth of international civil aviation.

- With its liberal air transport policy, Singapore has established bilateral air services agreements with more than 100 countries and territories, including about 40 open-skies agreements. Singapore is also a founding member of the world's first multilateral open-skies agreement (the "*Multilateral Agreement on the Liberalization of International Air Transport*") and a signatory to the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**'s **Agenda for Freedom Multilateral Statement of Policy Principles**, committing to promote greater commercial freedoms for airlines.
- Singapore is ranked 8th internationally by revenue-tonne-km (RTK), with the seven Singapore carriers, including flagship *Singapore Airlines*, providing scheduled air services in the order of 13 million by RTK.

- ***Singapore Changi Airport is the 7th busiest in the world, hosting some 90 carriers which provide over 5,000 international flights weekly linking 200 cities in 60 countries. In 2009, Changi handled about 37 million international passenger movements and about 1.7 million tonnes of cargo. It has garnered over 300 accolades to date.***
- ***Over 100 Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) companies in Singapore serve 20% of the Asia Pacific MRO market. Homegrown ST Aerospace is the world's largest provider of third party MRO services with facilities in Asia, the Americas and Europe. SIA Engineering Company is among the largest MRO companies for wide-body aircraft including the A380.***
- ***The aerospace manufacturing, design and R&D industry in Singapore is ever growing.***
- ***Singapore Airshow is the world's third largest and Asia's largest airshow.***

4. COMMITMENT TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION

4.1 Singapore joined ICAO in 1966, shortly after its independence. Since then, it has built up competencies and expertise in various aspects of civil aviation operations and management, and is committing these to shaping international standards and recommended practices, developing human capital and contributing to the sustainable growth of international civil aviation.

- **Singapore actively participates in some 70 ICAO expert bodies that review and develop ICAO standards and recommended practices in various aspects of international civil aviation. It currently holds the chairmanship of 15 of these bodies, including:-**
 - *President, Air Navigation Commission*
 - *Chairman, Asia Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group*
 - *Chairman, ICAO Comprehensive Security Strategy*
 - *Chairman, ICAO Medical Provisions Study Group*
 - *Chairman, ICAO Council Special Group on Legal Aspects of Emissions Charges**Singapore was also privileged to chair the ICAO High Level Meeting on International Aviation and Climate Change in 2009.*
- **The Singapore Aviation Academy, with more than 50 years of experience, has provided aviation training to over 52,000 participants from all 190 ICAO Contracting States. The SAA was conferred the ICAO Edward Warner Award in 2000 “for eminent contribution as a centre of excellence in international civil aviation training”.**
- **Singapore has sponsored some 3,330 training fellowships since 1992, including 370 fellowships under the ICAO-Singapore Developing Country Training Programme since 2001. Various fellowships continue to be available to meet the overwhelming demand for specialised aviation training in Singapore.**

5. COMMITMENT TO SAFER SKIES AND MORE EFFICIENT AIR TRAFFIC

5.1 Ensuring the safety and efficiency of air traffic is the top priority in Singapore's provision of air navigation services in the Singapore Flight Information Region. Singapore continually adopts best practice procedures and invests in technologies, as well as actively supports ICAO's global and regional ATM initiatives and works in close cooperation with other States and international organisations to continually enhance air traffic management.

- **Singapore has implemented Performance-Based Navigation procedures, including Area Navigation (RNAV), Standard Instrument Departure/Arrival Routes (SIDs/STARs), Strategic Flow Management processes, and anticipatory landing clearance and measures.**
- **A new US\$200 million third generation Singapore air traffic control system, when commissioned in 2011, will provide enhanced ATM capabilities for safer and more efficient air traffic flows.**
- **Singapore chairs the Asia Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG) as well as its Regional Required Navigation Performance (RNP) and Reduced Vertical Separation Minima (RVSM) Task Forces. Through close collaboration among States and partners, airway structures and ATM procedures over the Bay of Bengal and South China Sea have been optimised to increase capacity, improve safety and achieve greater aircraft fuel efficiency and CO₂ reduction.**
- **Singapore ATC was conferred the Best Air Navigation Services Provider awards by IATA and the Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation (CAPA) in 2009, on top of its track record of providing "deficiency-free" services for 28 consecutive years as recognised by the International Federation of Air Line Pilots Associations.**
- **Singapore partners Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the United States in the Asia and Pacific Initiative to Reduce Emissions (ASPIRE) aimed at aircraft fuel savings and CO₂ reduction, launching successfully the first multi-sector "green" flight.**

6. COLLABORATION IN AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY

6.1 Singapore views aviation safety and security as paramount to the sustainability of international aviation. Highly committed to a coordinated effort by ICAO, its Contracting States and the aviation industry to strengthen aviation safety and security, Singapore plays an active part in this partnership and collaboration.

- **Singapore has implemented the Safety Management System for its aviation sector. It also has most of the elements of the State Safety Programme (SSP) in place, and will fully implement the SSP by the ICAO applicable date in November this year.**
- **Singapore has entered into partnerships to exchange information on the safety oversight of aircraft operations, including by the new Airbus A380.**
- **Singapore was one of the pioneers supporting the ICAO public key directory system for biometric passports, and played a key role in the development of an ICAO-led harmonized response to the threat of liquid explosives.**
- **In support of ICAO's USOAP¹, USAP² and COSCAP³ initiatives, Singapore has seconded safety and security experts to ICAO as auditors and trainers.**
- **Singapore is the regional coordinator for CAPSCA⁴-Asia Pacific, and has assisted to launch similar CAPSCA projects in Africa and the Americas. Singapore also contributes actively to the review and development of ICAO standards and recommended practices for personnel licensing.**

7. CANDIDATURE FOR PART II OF THE ICAO COUNCIL

7.1 Strategically located at the crossroads of the East and the West, Singapore is committed to playing its part in connecting the world and bridging among various points of views. Singapore is grateful to be given the opportunity to serve on the Council of ICAO since 2003. As a major civil aviation player and provider of international civil aviation facilities and services, Singapore will be honoured to continue as a Member of the Council of ICAO to further contribute its utmost to bringing international civil aviation to the next plane.

7.2 The Government of the Republic of Singapore would deeply appreciate the support of ICAO Contracting States for Singapore's candidature for re-election to the Council of ICAO, in Part II, at the 37th Session of the Assembly.

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¹ Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme

² Universal Security Audit Programme

³ Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme

⁴ Cooperative Arrangement for the Prevention of Spread of Communicable Diseases through Air Travel