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Agenda Item 10: Election of Contracting States to be represented on the Council

ETHIOPIA'S CANDIDATURE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

(Presented by Ethiopia)

SUMMARY

This paper highlights the important role that Ethiopia plays to promote Air Transport in the Africa region and request support from member states of ICAO for the re-election of Ethiopia to the council for 2005 - 2007 triennium.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has the honour to announce to the 35th Session of the ICAO Assembly its candidature for re-election to the ICAO Council under Category III for the 2005 - 2007 triennium.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 As one of the founding Contracting States of ICAO, Ethiopia wishes to continue and strengthen its participation and contribution to the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation.

2.2 Ethiopia likes to participate in the work carried out by the various organs of ICAO and would like to play an active role in coordination with the African States to safeguard the implementation of the Regional Air Navigation Plan.

2.3 Ethiopia in close cooperation with other Contracting States would like to promote measures to increase the security of airports and air navigation services.

2.4 Ethiopia is one of the leading players in the African air transport industry and active participant of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and continues to work as advocate and facilitator of safe and orderly commercial aviation in Africa.

2.5 Ethiopia supports the development of greater ICAO Regional cooperation and coordination in Africa and pledges its efforts to facilitate a constructive presence to further the aims and objective of ICAO.

2.6 Since 1944 Ethiopia has been engaged in developing and expanding airports and facilities associated with civil aviation. At present 5 newly built and 3 expanded airports are operational. The Addis Ababa, Bole International Airport is among the three expanded and modernized ones.

2.7 In the areas of communication, Navigation, Surveillance and Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) Ethiopia embarked upon a program to modernize its facilities in accordance with the Standards and Recommended Practice (SARPs) of ICAO and the AFI Regional Air Navigation Plan.

2.8 Ethiopian airlines, the national carrier, operates 45 international destinations in Europe, North America, Asia, Africa and the Middle East with modern fleet of aircraft.

2.9 Ethiopia has been a committed member of ICAO, AFCAC, COMESA, AU, IFALPA, IATA etc. and discharges its financial obligation through timely payment of annual assessed contributions.

3. CONCLUSION

Ethiopia seeks re-election to the ICAO Council to continue contributing to the safe and orderly development of civil aviation throughout the world.

As one of the Candidates of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), Ethiopia believes Member States of ICAO will support Ethiopia's candidature to the Council for 2005 - 2007 triennium.

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