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INFORMATION PAPER

SUMMARY

This paper provides information about the Chinese government's contribution to the Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Project-North Asia (COSCAP-NA) achieved through supporting and cooperating with ICAO in the field of technical cooperation.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On July 17th, 2002, the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC) signed COSCAP-NA Agreement with ICAO. China, as the hosting country of the project, has provided great support.

1.2 Mr. Yang Yuanyuan, Minister of CAAC, is the chairman of the project. The Flight Standards Department of CAAC is designated to take charge of the coordination work of the project office.

2. CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT TO COSCAP-NA

2.1 In terms of staff, CAAC appointed 3 Chinese personnel for the project: a flight operation expert/captain, an airworthiness expert and an administrative assistant to coordinate with foreign experts.

2.2 In terms of offices and facilities, in order to facilitate the work of the Project, CAAC provided 3 offices in Beijing equipped with 10,000 RMB worth of office furniture, sofa,

electron-magnetic coffee oven, tea and coffee utensils, water fountain, microwave oven and disinfectant, etc. Internet and telephone access are also provided.

2.3 In terms of project fund, CAAC contributed to ICAO U.S. \$159,990 as its share of the first two years, project fund in 2002. In 2003, CAAC contributed \$79,970 for the third year project fund before the due date.

2.4 In terms of conference organization, CAAC has hosted 3 Project Steering Committee meetings and 2 North Asia Regional Safety Team Meetings. The Chinese side bore all the expenses for the 3 Project Steering Committee Meetings, which included costs for conference hall, meeting representatives' meals, banquets, outdoor activities and vehicles, etc.

2.5 In addition, CAAC also provided free air tickets for the project experts and some conference participants and experts to China. By July 1st, 2004, Air China, China Southern Airlines, Hainan Airlines and Yunnan Province of China have provided free tickets worth of \$13,580 for the project.

3. CONTRIBUTIONS OF COSCAP-NA TO THE AVIATION SAFETY IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

3.1 Up till now, COSCAP-NA has held 2 North Asia Regional Safety Team Meetings and implemented most of the 60 recommended practices proposed in the above two meetings.

3.2 Training is a very important task for the project. By September 8th, 2004, 35 workshops and training courses have been held with 835 participants from member countries. Project experts also made many joint inspections with inspectors of member countries in order to provide on-job training to inspectors.

3.3 Upon the request of member countries, this project has developed a lot of regulations and standards. It also drafted sample regulations and standards concerning airport certification and the management of foreign air operators. The inspector manual developed by the staff of the project has been implemented by member countries.

3.4 Recommended safety practices proposed by the project office have been well received by member countries. For example, following one of the recommendations, CAAC has set up China National Aviation Safety Team headed by a vice minister of CAAC with team members composed of heads of Operation Section of Air China, China Eastern Airlines, China Southern Airlines and Hainan Airlines. Regular meetings will be held to discuss the implementation of the safety measures proposed by the project office.

3.5 It's just over one year since the establishment of COSCAP-NA office, however, this project has clearly shown its benefit, and it will help to enhance aviation safety through the establishment of a regional cooperation mechanism among member States.