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CANDIDATURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

(Presented by the Republic of Korea)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper explains the Republic of Korea's interest and intent to participate on the ICAO Council. The Republic of Korea is ready to continue to assume the responsibility and duty of an ICAO Council Member State.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	Not applicable
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No additional resources required
<i>References:</i>	A36-WP/2 P/1 24/01/07

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Government of the Republic of Korea has the honour to announce to the 36th Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) its candidature for election as a Member State of the Council in Part III for the triennium 2008~2010.

2. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN THE COUNCIL

2.1. The Republic of Korea has recorded one of the highest air traffic growth rates, averaging 11.2% from 1998 to 2005 and emerged as a major international air transport country in recent years. As of 2005, the Republic of Korea became the world's 8th largest air transport country in terms of passenger and cargo tonne-kilometres.

2.2. Since its accession to the ICAO in 1952, the Republic of Korea has fully supported and actively participated in ICAO's missions in promoting the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation. It has played an even fuller role since its election as a Council Member for the first time in 2001, and then again in 2004, both in terms of activities and financially, becoming the eighth largest contributor in 2006.

2.3. The Republic of Korea is an active member of the North Asian branch of COSCAP. The Republic of Korea contributed USD 500,000 for COSCAP's activities from 2003 to 2005 and will make more financial contributions and will further participate during the second phase activities.

2.4. The Republic of Korea is also active in the field of AVSEC. From 2006 to 2007, the Republic of Korea has contributed USD 390,000 to AVSEC and will further increase its support for AVSEC activities so as to ensure greater security in the skies.

2.5. The Republic of Korea has offered a free education programme for aviation staff from other ICAO Member States since 2001. As of 2007, the programme has three courses and has invited 208 persons from 67 countries. In addition, each year until 2009, the Republic of Korea plans to invite 36 persons or more from all over the world.

2.6. As of 2007, the Republic of Korea has concluded air services agreements with 85 States. The Republic of Korea has been pursuing a progressive and gradual approach since the conclusion of the open skies agreement with the USA in 1998 in line with worldwide liberalizing trend, and it will further take a similar approach to this liberalized trend.

2.7. The Republic of Korea has made the utmost efforts to improve aviation safety and security. Correspondingly, the Korea Civil Aviation Safety Authority, established for supervision and administration of security and safety in 2002, has been contributing to the improvement of international aviation security and safety. And, it created the SMIS (SARPs Management and Implementation System) program and has offered it to other ICAO Member States.

2.8. The Republic of Korea opened Incheon International Airport in March 2001. It has been recognized for its world-class facilities and service and was named the Best Airport Worldwide for 2005 and 2006 in the ACI Airport Service Quality Awards. It started further developing the second stage of the planned expansion to be completed in 2008.

2.9. In view of its achievements and based on its extensive experience in the field of civil aviation, the Republic of Korea wishes to take the responsibility as an ICAO Council Part III Member State for the term 2008~2010, and will continue to make positive contributions to the orderly and safe development of the international civil aviation in cooperation with ICAO as well as the Member States.