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

UGANDA'S CANDIDATURE FOR ELECTION TO ICAO COUNCIL (PART III)

(Presented by Uganda)

The Government of the Republic of Uganda has the honour to present its candidature for the election to ICAO Council in Part III during the 36th Session of the ICAO General Assembly being held from 18th to 28th September 2007 in Montreal, Canada.

Uganda has been an ICAO Contracting State for 40 years and has contributed to and supported ICAO's efforts to develop safe, secure and orderly international civil aviation by meeting her obligations under the Convention including compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).

Uganda was one of the first Contracting States to undergo an audit under the Universal Security Audit Programme in 2002. Since then it has trained and developed its own expert aviation security auditors. For the last three years, Uganda has contributed experts to the ICAO security audit missions. These experts will remain at the disposal of ICAO and ready for deployment as and when need for them is indicated.

Apart from providing experts to support ICAO, Uganda has used its geographical location at the equator in the heart of the African Continent to provide air navigation services for flights crossing the Continent.

Uganda maintains the East African Civil Aviation Academy which provides training opportunities. Over the years, the Academy has contributed to the development of human resources in the field of civil aviation within the region. It has been identified by the East African Community (EAC) as the centre for Excellency for the training of pilots and aircraft maintenance engineers. The medium term strategy is to expand its curriculum to include Degree Programmes to enhance its contribution to capacity building in the aviation field.

In compliance with ICAO recommendations, Uganda was one of the first states to restructure and improve air transport industry by establishing an autonomous civil aviation authority in 1991. To enhance the contribution of civil aviation to the development of the national economy, the industry was totally liberalised by eliminating all market impediments and protectionist practices. To this end, Uganda has fully complied with the Yamoussoukro Decision (YD) provisions. In addition, Uganda has concluded and signed liberal and open skies Bilateral Air Services Agreements with other states. The industry has not only become more efficient but has also experienced remarkably high and sustained growth rates since 1991.

Uganda accordingly presents its candidature for election to the Council of ICAO. Uganda's candidature is presented under the working mechanism of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) as reflected in its Working Paper on the election to The Council. We believe that our representation on the Council will augment the contribution to the development of safe, secure and efficient civil aviation as well as protection of the environment. In the past 40 years, Uganda has served on the Council only two times, the last being in 1983. We count upon your valuable support in electing Uganda and enabling it to realise her desired goal of enhancing its contribution to the development of civil aviation globally.

Hon. John M. Nasasira (MP)
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Leader of Uganda Delegation to the 36th Session of ICAO Assembly, September 2007

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