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Mr. President of the Assembly
Mr. President of the Council,
Mr. Secretary General,
Your Excellencies the Ministers,
Dear Colleagues, Heads and Members of Delegations,
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good morning,

First, I would like to congratulate the President of the Assembly on his election and to wish him every success.

I have the honour and the pleasure, on my own behalf and on behalf of the delegation of my country, to convey to you the greetings of the civil aviation community in the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. It is also my pleasure to express my thanks and gratitude for the Government of Canada and the Province of Quebec, as well as to the beautiful city of Montreal and its good people, for the warm welcome and generous hospitality.

Mr. President,

The continuous development of Civil aviation is a major aspect that contributes to the economic development in general. Thus, the role of ICAO in coordinating the development of this sector is of great importance. It is a basic issue today for all Member States, regardless of their size or power, to establish international partnerships that protect all and bring about mutual benefits. The importance of new and emerging technologies, particularly in the fields of aviation safety and security, will depend on cooperation among states of the world.

Mr. President, Honourable Assembly,

The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya has a strategic geographical position in North Africa that makes the airspace of my country an important corridor for air traffic across and from the African continent in all directions via highly dense routes that connect all continents of the world. My country always seeks, through civil aviation, development programs and plans, to develop a network of international and local airports and modernize and improve systems as well as facilitate telecommunications and air navigation services.

The growing importance of air transport and civil aviation in my country motivates us to develop civil aviation facilities and improve and upgrade its services. A month ago, we started by laying down the foundation stone for the expansion and development of three international airports for the cities of Tripoli, Benghazi and Sabha, with an annual capacity of 20 million passengers, that will be in service within two years from now, and very soon we will witness the completion of the project to cover the airspace of the Jamahiriya with a huge radar network.

I don't think that we should be satisfied any longer by being overwhelmed by everything new and seeking to obtain it. Rather, we must exert all effort to become a basic part of the system of development.

The Honoured Assembly,

Despite the impact of circumstances known to all, during past years, my country has entered the market of air transport in a challenging and powerful way and considers itself in a race against time.

My country aims, through balanced liberation policies, to satisfy demand on international and local travel on the one hand, and to enable our air transport companies to compete actively in the developing civil aviation market on the other.

The transparency approach as well as the political and economic approach of the Jamahiriya are driving our country towards stability and progress. My country strongly desires enhancing its relationships and close cooperation with various countries of the world on the basis of mutual interests and respect. The Jamahiriya is a party to most of the conventions concluded under the umbrella of ICAO, and strives to implement the Standards and Recommended Practices of the Annexes to the Chicago Convention.

The implementation of the Annexes to the Chicago Convention is the main target of ICAO to ensure the safety and security of international civil aviation.

Our follow-up to the ICAO Global Aviation Safety and Security Audit Programmes confirms that success has been achieved and that the two programmes have played an active role in defining and dealing with safety concerns.

Mr. President, the Honourable Assembly,

We have a few days of hard work before us which must culminate in agreements that should enhance aviation safety and security, contribute to the limitation of emissions that pollute the environment and lead to the development of transport gradually, efficiently and systematically.

The many and various projects that have actually started to reach high levels of efficiency, thanks to ICAO, require us to support this Organization of ours, to stay strong and united. To reach this goal my country, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, undertakes to respect its obligations in the field of international civil aviation, and confirms its intentions to cooperate with the other Member States in a common effort that aims to overcome all the challenges of the future.

I wish this Session success in its work, and would like to thank the Secretariat and warmly shake the hands of its staff for their efforts, and in particular the unknown soldiers of the translation sections for this wonderful preparation.

To you all, my greetings and respect.

With my best wishes of success, thank you.

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