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STATEMENT PRESENTED BY ARMENIA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper sets forth the events which have taken place in the field of civil aviation of the Republic of Armenia from 2004 to 2007.

Dear Mr. President of ICAO Council

Mr. Secretary General

Officers of the Assembly

Distinguished delegates of ICAO Contracting States and Regional and International Organizations

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Armenia, I have the honour to greet all the participants of the 36th Session of ICAO Assembly and wish a very progressive and fruitful high-level civil aviation forum, summarizing the achievements in the global civil aviation sector over the last 3 years, as well as setting up the plans for the next triennium.

I would like to present briefly the recent updates of the Civil Aviation sector of the Republic of Armenia since last Assembly of 2004.

The essential developments took place in the legal field of the Republic of Armenia, regulating aviation industry of the Republic of Armenia, particularly the new “Aviation Law of the Republic of Armenia” came into force on 22nd of February 2007. The new Law in force contains the provisions and requirements clearly defined by ICAO appropriate Recommendations and Annexes of the Chicago Convention. I may convince that the New Aviation Law of the Republic of Armenia fully complies the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices. I may also assure that this initiation in regard of compliance will have a continuous nature. The approvals of that are 39 Orders issued by the Director General of the General Department of Civil Aviation at the Government of the Republic of Armenia and 42 Prime Minister’s and Governmental Decrees. In this context an emphasis is given to the participation (attendance) of the GDCA RA experts and specialist in the Workshops and Training Courses regularly organized by the ICAO Regional Headquarters, JAA TO and other Training Institutions in the civil aviation field.

Armenia has become a member of EUROCONTROL in 2006 and closely collaborates with the Organization for the further development of ANS in accordance with international standards. The major projects implemented in the field of Air Navigation of Armenia during the years of 2004-2007 may be summarised as follows:

- 2005 - Installation of a new ILS/DME CAT II/III at Yerevan Zvartnots airport;
- Implementation of RVSM on 17 March 2005;
- 2005-2007 Approval of the Safety Regulatory Requirements by GDCA and implementation of the Safety Management System by ARMATS;
- 2005-2007 procurement and installation of a new Mode A/C and Mode-S surveillance system based on multilateration. In 2007 the system will go operational; development of the safety case with EUROCONTROL has been carried out;
- 2005 Construction and implementation of a New Tower in Gyumri airport;
- 2006-2007 Construction and implementation of New Tower in Yerevan Zvartnots airport;
- Installation of new extractors on existing radars, providing ASTERIX protocol and their integration with Eurocat 1000 system early 2007;
- Step by step replacement of VHF stations, providing 8.33 capability;
- In 2005-2007 training of 75 air traffic controllers in UK(English Language) and Czech Republic (Simulator and Emergency Training).

Over the last three years, significant changes have taken place in “Zvartnots” Airport of the Republic of Armenia, namely, the artificial cover of the Runway was entirely renovated, a new apron was built, 5 new telescopic ramps were obtained, a new Terminal (designed and equipped by modern criteria) was built and ran into operation.

The Republic of Armenia, being a State which fully supported in 2004 the ICAO Council initiative to conduct ICAO Safety Oversight Audit based on a Comprehensive Systems Approach by 8 Critical elements, has undergone the ICAO SOA in June of 2007. The results of the Audit indicated the enormous advance and positive progress in the field of Safety Oversight implemented by the State of Armenia. Would like to underline, that the Republic of Armenia has already signed the ICAO Consent Form, authorizing the results of the ICAO SOA audit of 2007 to be published on the ICAO web site.

Besides, Armenia has passed the joint audit of ICAO and ECAC of the aviation security field in 2005 and 2006 respectively. The results were assessed as positive and Armenia is in the final stage of preparations to the ICAO and ECAC follow-up visits, scheduled for November 2007.

The above-mentioned developments in both infrastructure and legal system of the Armenian civil aviation industry, led to the growth in passenger flows to/from Armenia. The passenger flow growth indicated within the last three years reached almost 60% and it is anticipated till the end of 2007 to have a figure of 1,5 million passengers carried. The conclusion of the Bilateral Air Services Agreements also led to the increase of the traffic between Armenia and rest of the world. 41 Bilateral

ASA are in force at the moment. The ASAs between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Kingdom of Thailand and Government of Iceland are in a finalization stage and almost ready to go through relevant procedures via diplomatic channels. Also, an “Open Skies Agreement” between the Government of the Republic of Armenia and the Government of the United States of America is under consideration and discussion between the Parties. The conclusion is scheduled to be performed until the end of 2007.

A matter of the conclusion of the “Horizontal Agreement” between the European Union and Armenia has been considered and finalized recently, and it has been presented for signing.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Armenia, I would like to assure that Armenia is willing to collaborate and participate in most of the activities and policies proposed by ICAO, which will lead to the enhancement of 3 major fields of civil aviation:

- Safety;
- Security;
- Environmental Protection.

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