



ASSEMBLY — 36TH SESSION

PLENARY

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

CANDIDATURE OF INDONESIA

(Presented by Indonesia)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Government of the Republic of Indonesia has the honour to inform the 36th Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) of its candidature as member state to the Part III of the Council of ICAO for the 2007-2010 period.

1.2 Indonesia was a member state of the Council of ICAO from 1962 to 2001. During its membership in the Council, Indonesia actively participated in cooperative undertakings within the framework of ICAO and worked closely with other member countries to achieve the overall objectives of ICAO.

2. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INDONESIA JOINING THE COUNCIL OF ICAO

2.1 To support its economic development and to serve the air transportation needs of its more than 220 million citizens that spread across its large archipelago, the Government of Indonesia has been continuously modernizing the country's air transportation infrastructures. At present, Indonesia has 187 airports and hundreds of airstrips across the country. Of these, 27 are international airports that serve as gateway to the largest islands. There are a total of 51 commercial airlines in Indonesia, consisting of 17 operators for scheduled operations and 34 operators for non-scheduled operations. These carried a total traffic of more than 34 million passengers in 2006.

2.2 Indonesian airspace is located along the equatorial line stretching over 5120 kilometres from east to west and 1760 kilometres north to south. Comprising 17,508 islands, Indonesia is the largest archipelagic country in the world. Sophisticated equipment of the Air Traffic Service (ATS) helps ensure the security and safety of flights in Indonesian airspace. Its airspace is used by many international airlines as their primary routes due to the geographical location of Indonesia that is located at the junction of trading routes in all directions: northward to Japan and southward to Australia, and to Europe and to the rest of the Pacific region.

2.3 Of the nine International Major Traffic Flows (IMTF) in the world, four cross Indonesian airspace, including priorities of the First and Second Categories. To enhance its cooperation with the International Community at large, as of 2007 Indonesia has concluded bilateral air agreements with 71 countries, and in 2004 and 2007, consecutively, Indonesia has ratified the Aircraft Protocol and Cape Town Convention.

3. **CONCLUSION**

3.1 To foster the healthy growth of its national civil aviation and international civil aviation at large, Indonesia understands the importance of engaging a larger multilateral cooperation in the field of aviation. Hence, Indonesia seeks to be a member of the Council of ICAO. Indonesia believes that through membership on the Council, Indonesia can play a responsible and constructive role in the sustainable development of a safe and secure international civil aviation.

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