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## ICAO GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ON AIR TRANSPORT LIBERALIZATION

(Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 18-19 September 2006)

### BULLETIN NO. 2

Further to Bulletin No. 1 of the Symposium (dated 1 March 2006) issued to your Government/Organization, this Bulletin No. 2 is to provide you with an update of the arrangements for participants attending the Symposium. All information contained in the Bulletins, including any subsequent updates, can also be found at the Symposium website: [www.icao.int/dubai2006](http://www.icao.int/dubai2006).

#### 1. Updated Programme

1.1 An updated tentative programme of the Symposium is attached, which includes names of confirmed speakers who will be addressing the meeting. Future updates of the Symposium programme will be posted at the meeting website.

#### 2. Registration of Delegates

2.1 All participants are reminded to complete their registration as early as possible. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

2.2 As specified in Bulletin No. 1, *delegates nominated by ICAO Contracting States and invited organizations* should send their nominations (including name, position, contact information) to ICAO by letter or fax (+1 514 954 6744), or by e-mail ([Dubai2006@icao.int](mailto:Dubai2006@icao.int)). Once this notification has been done, there are no further additional registration requirements. ICAO should be notified of any changes in nomination(s) as soon as possible.

2.3. For *all other participants*, who will be charged a moderate fee of USD\$200 for attendance, pre-registration is encouraged, and can easily be done online at the meeting website by following the specified instructions.

#### 3. Hotel Booking and Entry Visa

3.1 All participants are reminded to make their hotel reservations in Dubai as early as possible. Detailed information about the suggested hotels for the Symposium delegates and procedures for hotel bookings are provided in both Bulletin No. 1 and the Symposium website. Please note that *the deadline for hotel bookings is Thursday, 10 August 2006*, after which, all accommodation requests will be subject to availability.

3.2 *For those delegates who require a visa to enter Dubai*, the visa application is usually handled by the hotel when you reserve your booking. Details regarding the visa application process (including the fees/charges) are provided in Bulletin No. 1 and available at the meeting website. Should you need any other assistance, please contact the Symposium Secretariat by e-mail ([Dubai2006@icao.int](mailto:Dubai2006@icao.int)).

4. **Social functions**

4.1 The Dubai Civil Aviation Department, Host of the Symposium, has kindly arranged the following social functions:

*Sunday, 17 September, 1900-2100:*

Welcome reception for Symposium delegates, sponsored by AirBP

*Monday, 18 September, 1900-2100:*

Joint gala dinner for delegates of the ICAO Symposium and the Routes conference, hosted by the Dubai Civil Aviation Department

*Tuesday, 19 September, 1900-2100:*

Farewell reception for Symposium delegates, sponsored by Dubai Duty-Free

5. **Tour Programme**

5.1 The Symposium Host is currently working with local tour operators with a view to organizing some exciting tour programmes for the Symposium delegates and their spouses to discover fascinating Dubai. Details of the tour programmes, when available, will be posted at the meeting website.

6. **Documentation**

6.1 All meeting documentation (including information papers) will be placed on the Symposium website and can be downloaded by the delegates. States (civil aviation administrations) and invited international organizations are welcome to submit information papers (for example, on their air transport policies or liberalization experiences) for the benefit of the Symposium. These information papers should be sent to the Symposium Secretariat, preferably in electronic format, by e-mail ([Dubai2006@icao.int](mailto:Dubai2006@icao.int)) as early as possible, but not later than 31 August 2006.

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**ATTACHMENT**

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**PROGRAMME\***

**Sunday, 17 September**

**1400 – 1900** Registration of delegates  
**1900 – 2100** *Welcome reception, sponsored by AirBP*

**DAY 1, Monday, 18 September**

**0800 – 0900** Registration of delegates

**0900 – 1000 — OPENING SESSION**

- Welcoming addresses
  - 1) Host government:  
*HH Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, President, Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai*
  - 2) ICAO Representative:  
*Dr. Taïeb Chérif, Secretary General, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)*
- Introduction of Chairman of the Symposium (*Mr. Mohammed Ahli, Operations Director, Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai*) and Moderators

**Key-note speech by: *HE Sheikha Lubna bint Khalid Al Qasimi, Minister of Economy and Planning, United Arab Emirates***

**1000 – 1230 — SESSION 1: TAKING STOCK OF LIBERALIZATION**

- **Sharing the experience of liberalization**
  - 1) The US experience:  
*Mr. Jeffrey Shane, Under Secretary for Policy, US Department of Transportation (DOT)*
  - 2) The difficulties/challenges faced by the developing countries:  
*Dr. António Pinto, Director, Civil Aviation, Mozambique Civil Aviation Institute*
- **Emerging trends and challenges**
  - 3) The industry's view (changes in the industry and issues for the regulatory regime):  
*Mr. Giovanni Bisignani, Director General & CEO, International Air Transport Association (IATA)*
  - 4) How to respond to the challenges — The regulator's view:  
*Mr. Ajay Prasad, Secretary of Civil Aviation, India*

**Panel discussion and Q&A period:**

What are the most stingy issues (barriers and impediments) for moving liberalization forward?  
What are the lessons to learn from the liberalization experiences?

**1230 – 1400 Lunch break**

**1400 – 1700 — SESSION 2: REGIONAL LIBERALIZATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS**

- **Regional liberalization initiatives**
  - 1) Overview of status, benefits and challenges
- **Bloc negotiations** (advantages and weaknesses, the process and implications for internal and external parties)
  - 2) The EU experience:  
*Mr. Olivier Onidi, Head of Unit, Bilateral Air Transport Agreements, European Commission*
  - 3) Responding to the challenges of bloc negotiations (e.g. European Commission's new negotiating mandates):  
*Mr. Amos Marawa, Common Market for the Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)*
- Implications of the EU-US agreement for a transatlantic open aviation area (including for non-parties)
  - 4) *Professor Henri Wassenbergh, Leiden University*

**Panel discussion and Q&A period:**

Where will increasing regionalism lead to, fortresses or a global multilateral?

**1900 – 2100 Gala Dinner, hosted by the Department of Civil Aviation, Dubai**

**DAY 2, Tuesday, 19 September**

**0900 – 1200 — SESSION 3: ENSURING SAFETY AND SECURITY IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT**

- Impact and implications of economic liberalization on safety and security regulation
- Strategies for ensuring safety and security oversight in a fast-changing environment
  - 1) *ICAO Secretariat*
- Experience of States and regions in tackling the challenges in safety and security regulation
  - 2) The regional approach to improve safety oversight:  
*Mr. Herald Wilson, Director General, Eastern Caribbean Civil Aviation Authority (ECCAA)*
  - 3) Aviation security challenges facing operators and regulators
- Funding options and solutions for aviation safety and security infrastructure development
  - 4) The role of multilateral and regional funding institutions  
*The World Bank*

**Panel discussion and Q&A period:**

How to ensure safety and security in the changing environment?

How to solve the resources problem?

**1200 – 1330**    *Lunch break*

**1330 – 1700— SESSION 4: HARNESSING LIBERALIZATION FOR THE BROADER BENEFITS**

- Ensuring responsive infrastructure for traffic growth and larger aircraft
  - 1) *Mr. Robert J. Aaronson, Director General, Airports Council International (ACI)*
- Liberalization for tourism and economic development
  - 2) *Mr. Geoffrey Lipman, Special Adviser to the Secretary General, World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)*
  - 3) Route development for the developing countries (the ICAO/UNWTO Essential Air Service and Tourism Development Route Scheme):  
*Airport Strategy and Marketing Ltd.*
- The fast growing market and its impact on the world
  - 4) China's perspective:  
*Minister or Vice-Minister of Civil Aviation, China*
- Building a better future through cooperation
  - 5) *Dr. Taïeb Chérif, Secretary General, ICAO*

**Panel discussion and Q&A period:**

What are the future prospects for international air transport?

**1700 – 1730 — CLOSING SESSION**

**1900 – 2100**    *Farewell reception, sponsored by Dubai Duty-free*

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*\* The Programme and the speakers shown above are subject to change and/or adjustments.*