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### **CHRISTIAN SCHLEIFER APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF ICAO AIR NAVIGATION COMMISSION**

**MONTREAL, 22 November 2011** — The Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has unanimously appointed Mr. Christian Schleifer, of Austria, to a one-year term as President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), the Organization's technical body. His mandate begins on 1 January 2012.

Mr. Schleifer has been a Commissioner of the ANC since 2009. This year, he was elected by the ANC as first Vice-President.

As part of his duties as President of the ANC, Mr. Schleifer will be leading the Air Navigation Commission towards the 12th Global Air Navigation Conference in November 2012.

Mr. Schleifer is an experienced engineer in the area of Electric, Avionic and Flight Testing. For the past 13 years, he has worked with the Austrian Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in the department of certification and airworthiness.

Prior to joining the Austrian CAA, he worked in the private sector as a maintenance engineer in an aircraft service centre in Vienna.

Mr. Schleifer holds a valid Avionic maintenance license as well as a commercial pilot license and actively flies single- and multi-engine aircraft.

He succeeds Mr. Mervyn Gerard Fernando, of Singapore, who has served as ANC President for the past two years.

The Air Navigation Commission is composed of 19 independent international experts, responsible for the development of Standards and Recommended Practices for the Safety of International Civil Aviation.

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 191 Member States.