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## ICAO AND AFRICAN UNION PROGRESS COOPERATIVE EFFORTS

**MONTRÉAL, 1 DECEMBER 2015** – The Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Dr. Fang Liu, announced the signing of a new agreement with the African Union (AU) to foster ongoing cooperation between the two organizations.

The signing was undertaken in a special ceremony late last week with the AU’s Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, Dr. Elham Ibrahim.

The new ICAO/AU agreement formalizes the outcomes of an earlier meeting between Secretary General Liu and the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, held at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 19 August 2015.

Its goal is to support the implementation of the MoC signed by the two organizations on 27 September 2010 and to build on the synergies it has helped to realize, both political and technical, towards the successful implementation of the respective programmes and activities of the two organizations.

“This strong cooperation between ICAO and the AU will greatly enhance our shared capabilities to realize both ICAO’s Strategic Objectives on the continent and the AU Roadmap. ICAO will, in this regard, give priority attention to the implementation of international standards and recommended practices on safety and security, as well as policies in the area of economic development of air transport.” Secretary General Liu remarked.

“The agreement is aimed primarily at the advancement of AU Agenda 2063 objectives with the support of ICAO.”

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