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(THE GRAND BALLROOM, CHICAGO HILTON, MONDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2014, AT 0900 HOURS)

OPEN MEETING

President of the Council: Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu

Secretary: Mr. Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General

PRESENT:

Argentina	— Dr. N. Luongo (Alt.)	Mexico	— Mr. D. Méndez Mayora
Australia	— Ms. K. Macaulay	Nicaragua	— Mrs. E. A. Aráuz Betanco
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	— Mr. J.G. Soruco	Nigeria	— Mr. M.E. Nwafor
Brazil	— Mr. J. Taunay	Norway	— Mr. K.M. Skaar
Cameroon	— Mr. E. Zoa Etundi	Poland	— Prof. M. Polkowska
Canada	— Mr. M. Allen	Portugal	— Mrs. M.H. Faleiro T. de Almeida
Chile	— Mr. W.H. Celedón	Republic of Korea	— Mr. Choi, D.
China	— Mr. Tao Ma	Russian Federation	— Mr. A.A. Novgorodov
Dominican Republic	— Mr. C.A. Veras Rosario	Saudi Arabia	— Mr. H.A. Abudaowd
Egypt	— Mr. A. Mahmoud	Singapore	— Mr. T.C. Ng
France	— Mr. O. Caron	South Africa	— Mr. L. Mabaso
Germany	— Mr. U. Schwierczinski	Spain	— Mr. V.M. Aguado
Italy	— Mr. E. Padula	United Arab Emirates	— Miss A. Al Hameli
Japan	— Ms. N. Ueda	United Kingdom	— Mr. M. Rodmell
Kenya	— Ms. M.B. Awori	United Republic of Tanzania	— Mr. R.W. Bokango
Libya	— Mr. M. Sayeh Eltayf	United States	— Mr. M.A. Lawson
Malaysia	— Mr. Y.-H. Lim	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	— Mr. D.A. Blanco Carrero

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. F. Zizi	— President, ANC
Mr. J. Bollard (Alt.)	— Australia
Mr. Chunyu Ding (Alt.)	— China
Ms. M. Furuhashi (Alt.)	— Japan
Mrs. D. Valle Álvarez (Alt.)	— Mexico
Mr. Kim, S. (Alt.)	— Republic of Korea
Ms. B. Crocker (Alt.)	— United States
Mr. J.L. Novak (Alt.)	— United States

SECRETARIAT:

Mr. D. Azema	— DC/OSG
Ms. N. Graham	— D/ANB
Dr. Fang Liu	— D/ADB
Mr. I. Galán	— D/TCB
Mr. B. Djibo	— D/ATB
Mr. J. Augustin	— D/LEB
Mr. R. Bhalla	— C/FIN
Mr. B. Verhaegen	— SELO
Mrs. D. Mauri	— PA/PRES
Mrs. A. Mattei	— PA/OSG
Mr. A. Philbin	— C/COM
Ms. O. Bondarova	— LEB
Mrs. S. Rapattoni	— COM
Mr. A. Larcos	— ACC

Representatives to ICAO

Colombia
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Lebanon
Pakistan
Peru
Turkey
Uganda

Subject No. 27: Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention)

**Council Resolution to mark the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the
Convention on International Civil Aviation**

Opening of the Session

1. The Extraordinary Session of the Council was opened at 0900 hours with the President of the Council delivering the following statement:

“I wish to formally declare open this Extraordinary Session of the ICAO Council, and it is my great pleasure to welcome you all here. We are here today to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, which was established in this very same ballroom in December, 1944, and to recognize as well its many positive impacts on civil aviation and world affairs since that time.

At this Session, we are honoured with the presence of several dignitaries and I am pleased to invite them to address the Council. However, before we move on to our first speakers today, I wish to invite our head table dignitaries to join me for a moment in unveiling a special commemorative plaque, one which from today onward will be calling the Chicago Hilton its home. Those of you seated further from the head table may come up to view it after the session should you wish. ”

Unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque

2. In the presence of the Secretary- General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon; Secretary of Transportation of the United States, Mr. Anthony Foxx; Administrator of the United States Federal Aviation Administration, Mr. Michael Huerta; and Mayor of Chicago, Mr. Rahm Emanuel, the President of the ICAO Council and the Secretary General of ICAO unveiled a special plaque that would commemorate the signing of the Convention on International Civil Aviation in 1944 and which would henceforth be displayed on a permanent basis at the Chicago Hilton.

3. The text of the commemorative plaque reads as follows:

“To create and preserve friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world,

This plaque commemorates the historic achievement which took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Stevens Hotel on 7 December 1944, when 54 nations gathered in Chicago at the invitation of the United States of America to conclude the Convention on International Civil Aviation which established the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

On the 70th Anniversary of this landmark diplomatic event, ICAO and its now 191 Member States have proudly recognized this important global agreement by convening, on 8 December 2014 in this same venue, an Extraordinary Session of the ICAO Council. On this occasion, a Special Resolution was adopted paying tribute to the Chicago Convention’s significant contributions to global peace and prosperity through the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation. ”

Statements by High-level Dignitaries

4. The President of the Council then delivered the following statement:

“It is ICAO’s and also my great personal pleasure to welcome our first speaker today, United Nations Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon. But before I hand over the floor to our distinguished colleague, I wish to highlight that the Convention’s drafters had anticipated the emergence of a post-war organization with the scope and purpose of the United Nations.

We know this today because they went so far as to include a specific provision in Article 64 of the Convention, covering the possibility of ICAO becoming a constituent of such an organization. It states that:

The Organization may, with respect to air matters within its competence directly affecting world security, by vote of the Assembly, enter into appropriate arrangements with any general organization set up by the nations of the world to preserve peace.”

We are all very familiar of course with just how well the United Nations has helped to preserve global peace since that time, and that it has gone on to become a much wider and positive force for good in the world in furthering the universal principles of peace, human rights, and essential humanitarian development.

With these acknowledgements in mind, please join me now in welcoming the Secretary-General of the United Nations and a great friend to world peace, sustainable development, the empowerment of the disadvantaged, and of course to ICAO as well, Mr. Ban Ki-moon. ”

5. The Secretary-General of the United Nations delivered the following statement:

“What a historic event. Thank you very much for the honour of participating in the extraordinary anniversary session of ICAO.

Today we look back on 70 years of success, and we look ahead to new global challenges.

In 1944, this hotel was still as elegant as it is today, but a night in the best room cost only nine dollars. Today, I don’t know how much it costs for the most expensive suite; one would have to check. There must be a huge difference.

Seven decades ago, in this hall, there were representatives of 52 countries drafting the Convention. Today, ICAO has 191 Member States.

The Convention was born before the United Nations, but as Dr. Aliu pointed out in his remarks, it anticipated the creation of a global organization for peace. And now, ICAO helps the United Nations address some of the most pressing issues on our global agenda.

Today I will speak about three areas where our cooperation is strong: health, security and the environment.

First: Health. When Ebola broke out, ICAO answered fear with facts. As part of the global Travel and Transport Force, ICAO is coordinating the international response to Ebola’s impact on travel, trade and tourism.

ICAO stood firmly with the World Health Organization against general bans on travel and trade that block efforts to rush in medical responders and supplies. And ICAO advocated measures to make sure that suspected cases are managed safely in ways that stop Ebola from spreading.

Second: Security. In July, when the Boeing 777 carrying 298 people went down in eastern Ukraine, the UN Security Council called for a full, thorough and independent investigation. Experts from ICAO helped to produce the preliminary findings, and they are continuing to support investigation for the final report.

Meanwhile, ICAO mobilized partners to set up a task force to reduce the risks of civilian planes flying over conflict zones. I commend this important initiative, and I am encouraged that the Task Force's results will be assessed at a high-level ICAO safety conference next February.

ICAO supports broader United Nations security objectives in other ways. It has worked with the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee on a Traveller Identification Programme. At the UN's request, ICAO adopted a Convention on marking plastic explosives so they can be detected easily.

Third: Climate Change. We meet on the eve of a critical year for the global effort to combat climate change. In September, I hosted a major summit to galvanize bold commitments and action on the ground. It was a great success, thanks in part to ICAO.

Through ICAO, governments and the aviation industry committed to a two per cent annual fuel efficiency improvement and carbon-neutral growth from 2020. They have concrete plans to reach this ambitious target by supporting the development of sustainable alternative fuels, deploying new technologies for aircraft, and improving efficiency. They are also helping to develop a global carbon dioxide standard for new aircraft.

I applaud this large-scale effort that builds on ICAO's other climate initiatives, from creating smartphone apps to calculate the carbon footprint of flights to providing reports on emissions to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. I hope to see even more action. The aviation industry should innovate new forms of clean energy. Airlines should take steps to offset emissions. I urge ICAO to stand at the forefront of pushing for dynamic progress.

After I leave Chicago today, I will travel to Lima, Peru for the 20th Conference of the Parties to that Convention. There, we hope to lay the groundwork for a new universal climate agreement to be adopted in Paris next year.

In 1944, the world was bloodied and battered from the Second World War. In 2014, we are facing new threats that never could have been imagined when ICAO was founded. Then, as now, we know that we can only overcome these threats through a collective, international response.

I count on you to continue carrying on the work of our predecessors who 70 years ago in this Hall launched a global flight path for peaceful aviation. And I call on you to expand their vision as we navigate a new journey to a safe and sustainable future.

Let us work together to make this world better for all, and I thank you for your leadership and commitment. ”

6. The President of the Council then delivered the following statement: