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Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business

EURASIAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE

(Presented by Kazakhstan)

SUMMARY

This information paper presents a summary of the development of the first EurAsian Civil Aviation Conference (EACAC) in the region, whose functions would be similar to ACAO, AFCAC, ECAC and LACAC.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 International Civil Aviation Organization has multiple Assembly Resolutions that foster the creation of regional or sub-regional partnerships to collaborate on the development of solutions to common problems in building States capabilities. These partnerships can take the form of RSOOs, COSCAPs, civil aviation Conferences/ Committees and other Cooperation Mechanisms.
- 1.2 The Civil Aviation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, represented by the Civil Aviation Committee and the Aviation Administration of Kazakhstan JSC, together with likeminded States are in the active phase of development of the first EurAsian Civil Aviation Conference in the region, whose functions would be similar to ACAO, AFCAC, ECAC and LACAC.
- 1.3 EACAC cognizant of the geographical and socio-economic interests of its member States would allow the aviation authorities of the participating States to effectively interact in the exchange of experience, knowledge and best practices in terms of flight safety, aviation security, facilitation, sustainable development, development of unmanned aircraft, training of aviation personnel, and would also create a platform for discussion and formulation of decisions on problematic issues while preparing for future challenges.
- 1.4 In general, the primary objective is to provide a framework for Civil Aviation Authorities of Member States to cooperate and coordinate activities to develop civil aviation in the region.
- 1.5 Within EACAC's framework, the following cooperation areas will be pursued:
 - a) enhancing regional collaboration and offering reciprocal support.
 - b) developing and enacting common policies and procedures to enhance flight safety, aviation security, formalities simplification, sustainable growth, and unmanned aviation for the efficient progression of civil aviation.
 - c) coordinating and executing international civil aviation standards and recommended practices at a regional scale.

- d) bolstering the aviation capabilities and global presence of Member States in the international aviation sector.
- e) offering technical assistance and engaging in the professional training of aviation staff, along with establishing a unified technical resource "pool" within the region.
- 1.6 The main bodies would be the Plenary Conference and the Meetings of the Directors Generals of Civil Aviation as well as the Secretariat, which acts in support of the above bodies in handling administrative daily tasks and ensuring effective communication and implementation of decisions.
- 1.7 Additionally, the Conference would include Technical Committees addressing specific areas like air navigation, safety, environmental sustainability and economic aspects of aviation with the following mandates:
 - a) Provide expert advice and technical knowledge in their respective fields.
 - b) Develop harmonized regional policies and propose standards suited to regional needs.
 - c) Oversee the implementation of best practices and innovative solutions in aviation.
 - d) Submit the results of the work of the Technical Committee to the Plenary via the Secretariat.
- 1.8 EACAC would aim to sign cooperative and mutual understanding agreements with the following organizations and would further expand partnerships in the future:
 - a) European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA).
 - b) International Air Transport Association (IATA).
 - c) European Commission (EC).
 - d) Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC).
 - e) EUROCONTROL.
 - f) Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC).
 - g) Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO).
 - h) Airports Council International (ACI).
 - i) International Air Cargo Association (TIACA).
 - j) European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC).
 - k) African Civil Aviation Conference Commission (AFCAC).
 - 1) Latin American Civil Aviation Commission Conference (LACAC).
 - m) Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO).
 - n) International Partnership for Aviation Development, Innovation and Sustainable Development (iPADIS).
 - o) Joint Authorities for Rulemaking on Unmanned Systems (JARUS).
- 1.9 EACAC will also look to participate in the proceedings of the ICAO governing body in a non-voting role that may be referred to as observer status, as it was ensured for its sister organizations (ACAO, AFCAC, ECAC and LACAC).

2. Action by the Meeting

- 2.1 The meeting is invited to:
 - a) note the information provided; and
 - b) provide guidance, as deemed necessary.

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