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PROPOSAL FOR A LEGAL SEMINAR IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

(Presented by the Republic of Korea)

This paper outlines a proposal to convene a regional legal seminar in 2012 with the joint sponsorship of the Republic of Korea and the ICAO Secretariat. Action: The Assembly is invited to consider the programme of the Organization in the legal field and to include this proposal to the subject. Strategic Objectives: This working paper relates to Strategic Objective F, as it pertains to developments in the context of the preparation of international air law instruments and measures to encourage their ratification, as well as updated information regarding depositary activity. Financial implications: No additional resources required.

1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 With the respect to paragraph 3, Work Programme of the Legal Committee, of A37-WP/33 in Agenda Item 60, the Republic of Korea (ROK) is willing to continue its contribution to the ICAO work programme in the legal field by holding a regional legal seminar in 2012.
- 1.2 Considering the importance of regional legal seminars for training and informing civil aviation officials and industry executives in the Asia-Pacific Region regarding legal developments in the aviation field, the ROK proposes to convene a regional legal seminar, with the joint sponsorship of the ICAO Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau, under the theme of "Developments in Air Law and Aviation Safety and Security" either in Seoul or another major city in the ROK in 2012.

2. SUMMARY OF PLAN OF THE PROPOSED REGIONAL LEGAL SEMINAR IN 2012

- 2.1 States to which the ICAO Asia-Pacific Office is accredited will be invited to the proposed legal seminar.
- 2.2 The proposed regional seminar will discuss the following subjects:
 - a) legal framework for cooperative measures to deal with threats in civil aviation; and
 - b) legal matters of interest to the Asia-Pacific aviation community.
- 2.3 Details of the programme and budget of the regional legal seminar in 2012 shall be decided through consultations amongst potential members of an organizing committee which consists of representatives of the ICAO Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau, the Korean governmental authorities, Korea Aerospace University, the Korea Civil Aviation Development Association and the Korean Association of Air and Space Law.

3. INTERNATIONAL AVIATION COOPERATION

- 3.1 The ROK has held a number of international seminars and conferences in the aviation arena, including the 38th DGCA Conference of the Asia and Pacific Region in 2001; the 5th Asia-Oceania Forum in 2002; the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Conferences on International Air Transport Cooperation in 2004, 2007 and 2010; and two ICAO Legal Seminars in the Asia-Pacific Region in 2006 and 2009.
- 3.2 The ROK will observe the responsibility of a State hosting a regional legal seminar and make every effort to hold a successful and fruitful seminar in which participating States can exchange views on legal issues both in the regional and in the international aviation community.

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4. FUTURE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED ASIA-PACIFIC LEGAL SEMINAR

- 4.1 The proposed seminar is expected to strengthen the development of cooperative legal framework for aviation safety and security in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- 4.2 The proposed seminar will also contribute to the settlement of difficulties in dealing with legal issues amongst the States within the Asia-Pacific Region.
- 4.3 The proposed seminar will serve as an excellent opportunity to promote the legislative policies of ICAO to Asia-Pacific States.

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