



## ASSEMBLY — 36TH SESSION

### PLENARY

#### Agenda Item 10: Election of Contracting States to be represented on the Council

#### CANDIDATURE OF ICELAND

(Presented by Iceland)

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Government of Iceland has the honour and is pleased to announce to the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) its candidature for election as a Member State of the Council in Part II.

1.2 Since the first election of the Council in 1947, a Nordic State has continuously held a seat on the Council. The candidature of Iceland is presented on the basis of an agreed rotation scheme between all Nordic States. The Nordic States, which are Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, have traditionally maintained a common Nordic Delegation to ICAO. The Delegation comprises of a Representative on the Council, an Alternate Representative on the Council and an Air Navigation Commissioner. The Delegation functions in close cooperation with the Nordic Civil Aviation Administrations and is thus instrumental in supporting their active participation in the work of ICAO.

#### 2. AVIATION ACTIVITIES IN THE NORDIC COUNTRIES

2.1 The Nordic States provide **Air Navigation Services** not only over their territories but also over huge portions of international waters. The total area of responsibility covers approximately 8.4 million km<sup>2</sup> – comprising a vast area in Northern Europe and over the North Atlantic. Services are provided in accordance with ICAO SARPs. The harmonized development of enhanced services is facilitated by the participation of the Nordic States in the ICAO Regional Groups, especially North Atlantic Systems Planning Group (NAT SPG) and the European Air Navigation Planning Group (EANPG).

2.2 In the year 2006, Nordic **Air Carriers** performed an estimated total of 40 406 million passenger kilometres and 1 150 million tonne kilometres on international scheduled services.

3. **CONCLUSION**

3.1 Iceland is submitting its candidature for election to the Council of ICAO in Part II at the 36th Session of the Assembly.

3.1 Iceland believes that given the continued opportunity, the Nordic Countries will be able to continue their support in promoting the role of ICAO as the Global Organization for the development and harmonization of International Civil Aviation.

3.3 Iceland greatly appreciates the support of all Contracting States.

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