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STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT OF ALGERIA

(Presented by Algeria)

Mr. President,
Mr. President of the Council,
Mr. Secretary General,
Ministers,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Please allow me, Mr. Chairman to express my sincere congratulations on your election as President of this august Assembly and express my thanks for giving me the opportunity to advance a few words in the general debate.

I disobey duties if I did not also extend my sincere thanks to the Secretary General and the Chairmen of the Council, requesting them to share with those who were willing to contribute to the preparation and holding of this meeting.

We cannot speak about civil aviation without mentioning its role in the social, economic and environmental plan. The welfare of the people, their prosperity are all elements that fall in the wake of a sustainable development of air transport.

We cannot talk, also, about civil aviation without mentioning the crucial question of security and safety. Indeed, the international community came to this collective awareness of a duty rather or a need and a responsibility that we must all insure individually and collectively and which requires greater efficiency in a context characterized by the disruption of political and economic relations .

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Mr. Chairman.

Today, it is not the question of existence of standards and practices, which require control and order and are intended to serve as rules for use in daily relations between its members for a safe and orderly development of growth of international civil aviation, they are with no doubt, but on the and material, technical and financial capacity and means to all countries, without distinction, to apply these standards and to up the appropriate measures to eliminate any potential risks.

Since our last meeting in September 2010, several regional and international meetings were held in the purpose of strengthening the capacity and international measures to make air transport and civil aviation in general, more efficient, safer and in the service of its users, and also within their reach. I refer here, in particular, to the high-level conference on Aviation Security, which was held in September 2012, and the 6th Worldwide Air Transport Conference, held last March, that Algeria had the privilege of chairing.

Mr. Chairman,

Aware of the importance of these standards and to implement the recommendations of these conferences, Algeria has responded favorably to universal programs of our Organization for the audit of safety oversight "USOAP" and of the security one "USAP". Their expansion and pursuing require in our opinion a big importance.

The audits results were bolstered by the introduction of a draft amendment of the Law No. 98-06 of 27 June 1998, laying down general rules for civil aviation, which provides: the requirement of National Civil Aviation Safety Program (PNS) and the National Civil Aviation Security Program (NCASP) and the accuracy of inspection and monitoring missions carried out by the authority in charge of civil aviation.

Aware of its responsibility for coordinating traffic in the Europe/ Africa corridor and on within its own airspace, Algeria has launched an ambitious project to the modernize the air traffic control in the southern part of the FIR of Algiers, while new control towers are in progress at five international airports.

Meanwhile, significant progresses were made to equip all airports with necessary safety and security equipment.

Mr. Chairman,

Man (human being) has always been fascinated by the "sky". He has always sought to develop its capacity to conquer space in forging the sophisticated tool without thinking about the so necessary and delicate balance between the technology and the environment.

Today, the image of a united world and aware of the importance of preserving the environment and the duty of every State to ensure its protection is reflected more vividly, for the research of "general interest of all humanity" and the "common good ", in the context of a shared responsibility but differentiated and also historical responsibility of developed countries, and the process of the Framework Convention of the United Nations on the climate change.

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The scale that takes civil aviation and air traffic intensity that could result, militate in favor of strengthening the cooperation and exchange of expertise's and experiences, both on the international and regional level, which is essential for the coordination of all actions and the implementation of practices that meet current requirements to fight against all forms that may affect the safety and security of aviation such as terrorism and acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation.

Thank you

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