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Position Paper for International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)

The topics that will be discussed in the committee are: Economic Development of Air Transport, and Aviation Security. Marshall Islands strongly believes that the first topic should be given more importance, and thus, be debated first in the committee. As the air transport sector is rapidly expanding, and a good and strong plan to control this expansion should be made in order to fully take advantage economically as well as insure that air transport gets the full attention it needs in order to fully develop. On the other hand, Marshall Islands does not consider the second topic an unimportant one; however, it is of lesser concern as civil aviation has proven to be safe in the past few years, following a decline in accidents and disasters. However, the second topic should be addressed as well, in order to insure maximum safety when it comes to aviation.

I. The Development of Air Transport

Marshall Islands considers the development of air transport as a major aspect in the economy of developed and developing countries. Marshall Islands understands the negative consequences of having a weak air transport sector, therefore, Marshall Islands looks favourably upon finding new and innovative ways to develop air transport in all of its sub-aspects wherever needed. In the Chicago convention (signed by President Franklin Roosevelt and other leaders in 1944) a great deal was emphasized on the idea that the future development of international civil aviation can greatly help and preserve friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world¹. Marshall

¹ "The Economics and Social Benefits of Air Transport." *Air Transport Action Group*. Air Transport Action Group, 2005. Web. 11 Nov. 2015. <http://www.icao.int/Meetings/wrdss2011/Documents/JointWorkshop2005/ATAG_SocialBenefitsAirTransport.pdf>.

Islands therefore invites the other member states to start the search for the future of air transportation. The air transportation industry has proven to be an economic booster creating 29 million jobs annually¹, and contributing around US\$ 880 billion a year to the global GDP¹. This industry is also rapidly expanding with a 45% increase¹ in passengers flying around the world in the past decade. Marshall Islands' position is to be in favour of controlling this expansion, in order to fully take advantage of the economical and social aspects involved.

II. Aviation Security

Marshall Islands fully acknowledges the importance of safety regarding aviation. It is the duty of every member state to fully cooperate in all aspects to increase the safety and the security of civil aviation. The past has proven that accidents in aviation can occur for many reasons, and that to fully eliminate the risk of disasters is impossible. However to continuously debate on the topic and find new ways to increase aviation security further decreases the risk of accidents and disasters. The events on September 11th 2001 have shocked the civil aviation community and have pushed ICAO to consider the typical aircraft as a potential weapon of destruction. However, in present times, an uprising danger is seen on the grounds in airports. Criminals such as terrorists and drug-dealers are infiltrating civil airports located in hostile regions. Marshall Islands recognizes this as a great danger to the civil aviation community as criminals have the ability to bypass airport security undetected. Marshall Islands' position regarding aviation security is to focus more on the ground facilities, and to implement systems able to detect and eliminate criminal activities in order to make flying safer. Marshall Islands also would like to focus on the human aspect regarding aviation safety. The majority of reports blame human error as the cause of mishaps regarding air disasters. Therefore, Marshall Islands invites fellow members to look into the possible dangers of human error regarding civil aviation and to make it safer.