

**57<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE OF  
DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION  
ASIA AND PACIFIC REGIONS**

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AGENDA ITEM 9:       UPDATES

**RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO AN  
AMENDMENT TO THE CONVENTION ON  
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION [ARTICLE 50(A)]**

Presented by Singapore

**SUMMARY**

There is general consensus that the Asia Pacific comprising 39 ICAO Member States and having the largest aviation market, is under-represented on the ICAO Council, and is deserving of at least an additional seat on the ICAO Council. As the ratification of the Protocol relating to an amendment to the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* [Article 50(a)] is the pre-requisite for increasing the opportunity for Asia Pacific States to have more seats in the Council, it is proposed that Asia Pacific States take steps to ratify as a matter of priority. This will be a powerful demonstration of unity and inclusivity in the Asia Pacific region and will serve our common interest to increase our representation in the ICAO Council. The Conference is invited to adopt the call to action in Paragraph 3.1.

## **RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION [ARTICLE 50(A)]**

### **1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 There was unanimous support at the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly in 2016, to adopt Assembly Resolution A39-4 on the Amendment to Article 50(a) of the Convention on International Civil Aviation and Assembly Resolution A39-5 on the Ratification of the Protocol amending Article 50(a) of the Convention on International Civil Aviation to increase the membership of the Council from 36 to 40.

### **2. DISCUSSION**

2.1 There is general consensus that the Asia Pacific region comprising 39 ICAO Member States and having the largest aviation market, is under-represented on the ICAO Council, and is deserving of at least an additional Council seat. The expansion of the ICAO Council would provide the opportunity for more States in the Asia Pacific region to be elected to the Council.

2.2 The increase in Council seats requires two-thirds of the 193 ICAO Member States to ratify the Protocol amending Article 50(a) of the Convention, i.e. on the date of deposit of the 128<sup>th</sup> instrument of ratification.

2.3 As of 20 June 2022, seventy States have ratified the Protocol, of which seven are Asia Pacific States.

2.4 As the ratification of the Protocol is the pre-requisite for increasing the opportunity for Asia Pacific States to have more seats in the Council, Singapore proposes that Asia Pacific States take steps to ratify as a matter of priority. This will be a powerful demonstration of unity and inclusivity in the Asia Pacific region and will serve our common interest to increase Asia Pacific's representation in the ICAO Council.

### **3. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE**

3.1 The Conference is invited to:

- a) Note the general consensus that as the biggest aviation market with 39 ICAO Member States, the Asia Pacific region is under-represented on the ICAO Council, and is deserving of at least an additional seat on the ICAO Council;
- b) Recognise the need to have two-thirds of the ICAO Member States ratify the Protocol relating to an amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation Article 50(a) for Council expansion to come into force;
- c) Strongly encourage Asia Pacific States to complete the ratification of the Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* [Article 50(a)] signed at Montreal on 6 October 2016, as a matter of priority; and
- d) Urge Asia Pacific States to maintain unity and inclusivity of the 39 Asia Pacific States to strengthen our efforts to optimize the opportunities to increase Asia Pacific's representation in the ICAO Council.