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I. Introduction of the Civil Aviation Cooperation Conference between China and Central Asian countries

On 30 August 2016, the Civil Aviation Cooperation Conference between China and Central Asian countries has been successfully held in Urumqi, Xinjiang of China. Beside China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Georgia have attend the conference with their heads of civil aviation authorities or representatives sent by the CAAs.

On the conference, Mr. Feng Zhenglin, Administrator of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC), has initiated four mechanisms concerning the regional civil aviation cooperation. He has also declared that China would provide 100 aviation fellowships to Central Asian countries from 2016 to 2019 in addition to training on aviation safety management, flight standards, aviation security and airport management etc.

At the end of 2016, we have already organized a training program for the Central Asian countries. We are glad that all countries took an active part in sending candidates. This year in 2017, we will organize 3 training programs on Air Traffic Management, Aviation Security and Airport Management, as well as a seminar on Airworthiness. Welcome relevant countries to send candidates.

II. Four mechanisms that China initiated

First, China and Central Asia should establish a mechanism to coordinate air transport policies and actively liberalize the regional air transport market. Based on the consensus reached at this conference, we would like to expand arrangement of air traffic rights with Central Asian countries via existing bilateral channels. We would also like to discuss the way and pace of opening up the regional air transport market, to create conditions for regional air transport liberalization.

Chinese government is building Urumqi as an international aviation hub into priority projects for transport development, connecting China especially with Central and West Asia. It will play a key role in advancing the building of the core zone of Xinjiang on the Silk Road Economic Belt and promoting the aviation connectivity between China and other countries along the Belt, in particular Central Asian countries. In support of the project, we are ready to discuss opening direct air routes connecting Urumqi and Central Asia. On top of it, we are also considering the feasibility of opening direct flights between Central Asia and the city of Xi'an in China, which is the starting point of the ancient Silk Road.

Secondly, a mechanism shall be in place for all-round technological cooperation to protect the aviation safety in the region and strengthen cooperation in aviation security. Aviation safety and security constitute the precondition and basis for regional aviation

connectivity. China would like to establish a sustained cooperation mechanism in this regard with Central Asia, and comprehensively strengthen cooperation in aviation safety management policies, aviation safety accident/incident investigation, airlines safety oversight and information sharing; establish a security coordination mechanism, improve security assessment of international air routes in this region, set up the overseas airport security assessment system, supervise, check and make security assessment of airlines operating in this region, and improve the aviation security level in this region; actively promote mutual recognition of airworthiness technologies with Central Asia; expand personnel training and exchanges and share experience.

Thirdly, a mechanism should be in place for infrastructure construction coordination and conformity and to promote regional aviation infrastructure connectivity. We would like to coordinate related government departments, financial institutions, leading companies, research institutes and think tanks in China to drive the communication and cooperation in aviation infrastructure construction with Central Asia and share China's experience in this regard. Upholding principles of "consultation, joint construction and sharing", we would like to strengthen the communication and coordination with Central Asia concerning infrastructure construction plans and technical standards for airports, air traffic control and airways, etc., increase investment in aviation infrastructure, jointly advance the construction of the grand regional passageway, gradually form the regional air route network and improve the overall international competitiveness of the regional aviation industry.

Fourthly, a communication mechanism shall also be in place concerning the external policy environment to facilitate regional air transport. We will work with foreign affairs, commerce, border control, customs and tourism authorities to study problems we've encountered, advance and coordinate efforts for "simpler visa procedures for countries along the Belt and the Road", "integrated customs clearance in the region" and "the general clearance mode for cross-border trade", make it more convenient for visa applications, customs clearance and inspection & quarantine, and create conditions for a more convenient air transport market in the region. We look forward to discussing with our counterparts in Central Asia over specific measures and issues to better serve air transport in the region.

III. Introduction of 3 Training Programs and 1 Seminar in 2017

2017 CAAC-Fellowship Training Programs and Airworthiness Seminar

Training Program	Dates & Location	Training Institute	Number of Fellowships	Nomination Deadline
Airspace/Air Traffic Management Workshop	June 5th -18th, 2017, Chengdu, China	Air Traffic Management Bureau of CAAC (ATMB) Civil Aviation Management Institute of China (CAMIC)	5	April 30th ,2017

Training Program	Date & Duration	Location	Number of Fellowships
Aviation Security Management Workshop	August of 2017, 14 days	Kunming, China	5
Airport Management Workshop	Second half of 2017, 10 days	Beijing and Nanchang, China	5

CAAC will cover the costs for participants during their stay in China of the training fee, domestic transportation, meals and accommodation, as well as daily allowance. International traveling costs for participants are not included according to the latest policies in China.

Besides, CAAC is planning to organize an Airworthiness Seminar between China and Central Asian countries in Xi'an, China in the second half of 2017. Representatives from CAAC Department of Aircraft Airworthiness Certification as well as relevant Chinese organizations and enterprises will then participate in the Seminar.