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President of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC),

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Executive Secretary of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC),

His Excellency Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano,
President of International Civil Aviation Organisation,

Director General of ECAC Member States,

Heads of Delegations,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. First and foremost, allow me to extend my sincere thanks to ECAC for inviting Malaysia to the Forty-Second Plenary (Triennial) Session of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC/42) in Strasbourg, France.

2. I am indeed honored to be given the opportunity to be here among distinguished delegates from ECAC member states and to represent Malaysia, in delivering a speech this morning / evening. ECAC member states have achieved remarkable success in civil aviation, both regionally and globally. I extend my congratulations to these achievements, acknowledging the dedicated efforts of the executive members, particularly His Excellency Mr. Alessio Quaranta and Ms. Patricia Reverdy, supported by other member states.

3. We believe that under their leadership, this organization will continue to excel and achieve remarkable success in the future.

4. ECAC and Malaysia share a history of successful partnerships, demonstrated by Malaysia's Air Services Agreements with 26 ECAC Member States (Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine and United Kingdom). I am optimistic that this number will continue to grow over time as our partnership strengthens.

Ladies and gentlemen,

5. Malaysia is committed to promote a cooperative and collaborative environment with the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) mostly in form of exchange of information, participation in international events and meetings and organisation of training activities or joint initiatives. I am pleased to announce that Malaysia will be formalizing a Co-operation Arrangement (CoA) with ECAC this year to form a mutual vision for the sustainable development for both parties involves. We hope that the cooperation provides overall benefits to the parties involved. The co-operation also creates contribution to the socio-economic development and exchanges in civil aviation industry between Malaysia and ECAC.

6. The Co-operation Arrangement (CoA) between the Government of Malaysia and ECAC is collectively decided to strengthen, promote and develop co-operation in the field of international civil aviation on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. The arrangement also encourages and promote co-operation particularly in areas on safety, accident investigations, security, environment and any other topics of common interest relating to the civil aviation matters. It provides an opportunity to cooperate and coordinate among ourselves on all matters related to civil aviation particularly and the aviation industry as a whole.

7. Our common and shared beliefs as well as the diversity among the parties involves offers many advantages and opportunities. I also believe that partnership and cooperation have always been the common values of the aviation community. On Malaysia's part we are always prepared to collaborate to meet the multifaceted challenges in our common goal of

building a safer, more secure and sustainable civil aviation industry. I am certain that the outcome of this signing will greatly contribute towards developing meaningful co-operation so as to promote the safe, efficient and sustainable development of civil aviation in Malaysia and Europe.

Ladies and gentlemen,

8. Malaysia values the significant role of civil aviation in socio-economic development and aims to foster cooperation for the safe and sustainable growth of civil aviation. We are honored to share our views in this Extraordinary Assembly.

9. In our pursuit of aviation safety by embracing digital transformation, CAAM has developed the Ramp Inspection (RAIN) application, an online digital ramp inspection checklist to facilitate a comprehensive assessment of all inspection areas through a collaborative online platform and ensure timely execution.

10. As part of ongoing efforts to embrace digital transformation and in line with The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Critical Elements 7 (CE-7) Surveillance Obligation, CAAM also has developed an online digital audit checklist known as Compliance Questionnaires (CQ). This innovative tool aims to streamline and enhance the auditing process by digitizing the checklist used to assess stakeholders' compliance with regulatory requirements.

11. Malaysia also has successfully developed and launched a safety reporting system namely CAAM Aviation Safety Reporting Systems - CARes. It is design to centralized and streamline the Mandatory Occurrence Reports (MOR) and Voluntary Occurrence Reports (VOR) as well as making reporting easy, user friendly to enhance safety in aviation industry by allowing quick identification of potential safety issues.

12. Along with the initiative of "No country left behind," we would appreciate the opportunity to share our digitalization framework with ICAO Member States, as well as ECAC, to enhance safety and security in aviation.

13. Malaysia in collaboration with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Boeing has organized the Malaysia Aviation Safety Seminar (MASS) in 2023. This year, the safety seminar will be held on 18 to 19 September 2024 again in Kuala Lumpur. This seminar has gained a lot of positive feedback as it enables the participants to share and exchange latest aviation safety information and regulations as well as promoting safety culture awareness among the state members and stakeholders. We hope more member states will be able to join us for the upcoming MASS and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our invitation to all ECAC member states to the safety seminar this year.

CONCLUSION

14. Before I end, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to ECAC Member States for the continuing endorsement and support for Malaysia's membership on the Council to effectively serve ICAO.

15. Last but not the least, I extend my heartfelt thanks to His Excellency, Mr. Alessio Quaranta, President of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC), for this invaluable collaboration and for granting me the opportunity to address in this 42nd Plenary Session of ECAC.

16. I wish you all the best and every success in your deliberations.

Thank you.