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Liow: Malaysia Re-elected to the Council of ICAO for Fourth Consecutive Term

MONTREAL, CANADA 4 Oct 2016 – Following the Part Three elections held during the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) 39th General Assembly today, I am delighted to announce that Malaysia has once again been re-elected to the Council of ICAO for the 2016-2019 term. This marks our fourth consecutive term since our first election to the Council in 2007.

During the elections, Malaysia was honoured to receive 129 out of 172 votes cast by eligible voting member states. Indeed, we are truly heartened by this recognition by ICAO for our contributions to this global body.

A growing regional hub for civil aviation industry, Malaysia is firmly and unwaveringly committed towards driving ICAO's vision of 'No Country Left Behind' and 'Next Generation of Aviation Personnel' initiatives. We will

continue to fulfill the training needs of our global aviation community through our Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme.

We believe that ensuring safer skies for passengers is of paramount importance, and greater international cooperation among all ICAO member nations will see this through to fruition.

Malaysia has spared no effort in working towards enhancing the standards of safety and security in global civil aviation. It has been a privilege to work with our fellow member nations in pursuit of this vital goal. Malaysia looks forward to continue supporting and participating in ICAO's various initiatives in the years to come.

A specialised agency of the United Nations, ICAO was established in 1944 to manage the administration and governance of the Convention on International Civil Aviation, also known as the Chicago Convention. It is the governing body that adopts the international civil aviation Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), as well as policies to ensure a safe, efficient, secure, economically viable and environmentally sustainable civil aviation sector.

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