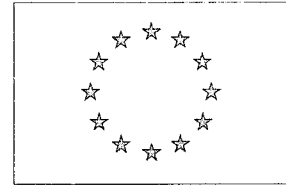


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STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS MEMBER STATES

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Madam Chair, distinguished colleagues,

This statement is delivered on behalf of the EU and its Member States.

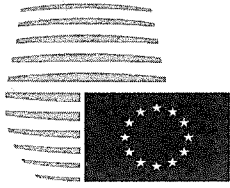
The EU welcomes efforts made by International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and International Maritime Organization (IMO) in addressing international transport greenhouse gas emissions. We encourage these two international organisations to step up their work and activities to further address and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from international aviation and maritime transport. International aviation and maritime emissions have more than doubled since 1990 and are expected to continue rising in the coming years. The 3rd IMO GHG study gives evidence of rising maritime emissions. UNEP's Bridging the Emissions Gap report suggests that aviation and maritime transport together may be responsible for 10% to 33% of global CO₂ emissions by 2050, compared to 5% in 2010.

As substantiated by science, all sectors, including these two global sectors, have to contribute fairly to the global effort so as to limit global temperature increase below two degrees. A lack of reductions in aviation and maritime emissions will undermine other efforts to address GHG emissions. Robust and adequate action should be not delayed.

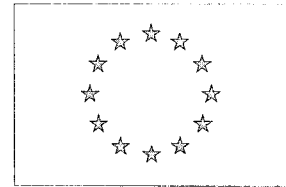
The EU is fully engaged in discussions to develop a robust global market-based mechanism to tackle international aviation emissions, with a view to have it agreed in the 2016 ICAO Assembly and allow for its implementation by 2020 as planned.

We welcome and support the proposal of the Marshall Islands at 68th Session of the IMO Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) to agree on a quantifiable and ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reduction target for international maritime as soon as possible as well as the call for the immediate development of instruments necessary to achieve this target. We encourage Parties to submit prior to the next MEPC proposals to facilitate that discussion. At the same time, we are looking forward to the endorsement of an IMO data from maritime activities collection system at the next MEPC meeting as another step to address international maritime emissions.

In meeting the 2 °C objective, the EU sees the need for parties to agree on global sectoral emission reduction targets for international aviation and maritime transport and the need for all Parties to work through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to develop global policy frameworks to achieve these targets.



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Madam Chair, the EU and its Member States stand ready to cooperate with other Parties in lowering international civil aviation and maritime emissions and those sectors' impact on climate.

Thank you.