



**Statement by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO),
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for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA39)**

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Thank you, Mr Chairman. ICAO and its Member States are fully committed to meeting the responsibilities for the sustainable future of international civil aviation.

I am pleased to inform you that, at the triennial Assembly held last month, ICAO was able to bring its 191 Member States together to adopt a comprehensive, global policy to address emissions from the international aviation sector.

The Assembly reaffirmed the collective global aspirational goals for the sector's CO₂ emissions reductions, and agreed on a comprehensive strategy to progress all elements of a basket of mitigation measures, namely aircraft technology, operational improvements, sustainable alternative fuels and market-based measures (MBMs).

The Assembly was able to reach a consensus agreement on the development of a global MBM scheme for international aviation. It reflects the strong support of ICAO's Member States for a global solution for a global international aviation industry, as opposed to a possible patchwork of different measures.

Significant efforts will need to be undertaken as ICAO moves forward in developing a global MBM scheme capable of being implemented from 2020, for decision by the next Session of the Assembly in 2016.

In addition, the robust capacity building programme put forward by ICAO enabled the development and voluntary submission of action plans to reduce aviation emissions by 70 Member States, representing over 80 per cent of global international air traffic, which is expected to reach 90 per cent by the end of 2013.

ICAO has also been building partnerships with other international organizations to facilitate access to financing the development and implementation of States' action plans. During the Assembly, we were pleased to announce three major assistance initiatives in partnerships with the GEF and UNDP, the European Union and Indonesia, respectively.

The achievement of the sector's global aspirational goals, through the collective efforts and concrete actions of Member States, requires adequate financial resources within the sector itself. In this regard, the Assembly urged that ICAO and its Member States express a clear concern, through the UNFCCC process, on the use of international aviation as a potential source for the mobilization of revenue for climate finance to the other sectors.

Mr Chairman, ICAO, with increasing engagement of Member States and in close cooperation with the aviation industry and other stakeholders, has been working actively towards developing global solutions to address emissions from international aviation.

The results of the Assembly are a testimony of their resolve in achieving the sustainable future for international aviation. ICAO is ready and committed to supporting them on this journey.

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