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Agenda Item 11(f) – Emissions from Fuel Used for International Aviation and Maritime Transport

- Thank you Chairman.
- My delegation would like to commend the ICAO and IMO for their good work and progress in addressing emissions from international aviation and maritime transport.
- For international aviation, we welcome the adoption of the recent Assembly Resolution on climate change, which represented a generally good way forward in addressing aviation emissions. In particular, we note the agreement to develop a global MBM scheme for international aviation emissions, taking into account the findings of studies on the feasibility and practicability of such a scheme. We are also encouraged by the commitment of the international aviation community to address climate change, with 70 countries, representing over 80% of the global international air traffic, submitting to ICAO their state action plans to reduce carbon emissions from international aviation.
- For international shipping, Singapore fully supports the implementation of the IMO's energy efficiency measures, which will lead to emission reductions from ships over time. We also support the extension of the EEDI framework to cover more types of ships and the IMO's intent to explore further technical and operational measures to enhance energy efficiency for ships. The IMO's Update Study of the GHG emissions estimate for international shipping will also provide an accurate and meaningful baseline against which improvements in fuel efficiency can be measured, and we look forward to the completion of this study next year.
- Mr Chairman, Singapore believes that IMO and ICAO have continued to show good progress in addressing emissions from their respective sectors. They are the most competent bodies to develop effective measures to limit emissions in their sectors while sustaining industry growth, as they have the right technical expertise and are closely engaged with government authorities and industry. We believe that these measures should be developed through the multilateral frameworks under the IMO and ICAO, while respecting the mandate and longstanding competency of these international organisations.
- Thank you, Mr Chairman.