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Points to Address

- Distinguish Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!
- I am delighted to give a short opening address for the second ICAO-ATRS Air Transport Symposium in the presence of truly distinguished speakers, experts and moderators.
- Our first joint symposium was held in April, 2012.
- I would like to thank especially to speakers and moderators who came to this event despite very busy schedule.
- In the next two days, we will be discussing a number of important and some critical issues facing air transportation sector of the world today and for the future.
• The International communities expect us to find the ways for sustainable development of air transport, which is the topic for the very first Session today

• Other issues to be treated here include:
  (a) Liberalization of International air transport regulations
  (b) Lifting barriers to air transport growth
  (c) Meeting Consumer Expections
  (d) Creating efficient air cargo system
  (e) Financing infrastructure
  (f) Looking into the taxes, levies by government agencies, airlines and other organizations
• We hope to accomplish a significant progress on understanding these complex issues, and hope to make significant progress towards finding the directions toward which we can move in the future.
• Generating consensus towards achieving our goals on some issues’
• Crystalizing points of contentions requiring further discussions in the future via various forums including ICAO processes.
Thank You

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