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**Statement from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
to the thirty-fourth Session of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body
for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA34)**

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The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) appreciates this opportunity to update the SBSTA on recent developments since the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly in October 2010 with respect to international aviation and climate change.

As we reported in Cancun, the Resolution adopted by the ICAO Assembly provides a solid framework towards the achievement of an environmentally sustainable future for international aviation, making international aviation the first sector with global aspirational goals of improving 2 per cent annual fuel efficiency and stabilizing its global CO₂ emissions at the 2020 levels. The agreement on the voluntary submission of States' action plans to ICAO will allow States to identify their mitigation measures and any assistance needs, and enable ICAO to assess the progress towards the achievement of global aspirational goals and address such needs.

ICAO is already taking the necessary steps to make further progress on actions requested by the Assembly, focusing on four key areas, namely: 1) States' action plans and assistance to States; 2) sustainable alternative fuels for aviation; 3) market-based measures; and 4) global aspirational goals.

With respect to States' action plans, ICAO has developed guidance material and a web-based interface, and it is holding a series of five regional workshops from May to July 2011, to assist member States in preparing and submitting their action plans to ICAO by June 2012.

ICAO fully recognizes the importance of providing necessary support to States' actions on international aviation and climate change. Thus, the Organization is now moving from "Standard policy setting" to "implementation mode", and the Resolution includes provisions to facilitate States' actions, including financing and technical assistance. In this connection, ICAO would like to express its concern in relation to proposals that identify international aviation as a potential source of revenue for climate change financing. We believe that such proposals, if implemented, could undermine the implementation of mitigation measures by our member States to contribute to the achievement of global aspirational goals adopted by the Assembly.

The Organization will continue to be at the forefront of facilitating the development and deployment of sustainable alternative fuels on a global basis. In this regard, ICAO is currently working to support activities that will enable such fuels to be available in a timely manner and in sufficient quantities for use in aviation. A workshop on this subject is planned for 18 to 20 October 2011 in Montréal, and it will also address the role of sustainable alternative fuels as part of the measures available to States for inclusion in their action plans.

The Assembly agreed on the guiding principles for market-based measures and decided to explore a global scheme for international aviation. It also agreed to review the medium-term goal adopted by the Assembly and to explore a long-term goal for international aviation. The ICAO Secretariat is coordinating technical studies in these areas, which will serve as the basis for further policy discussions within ICAO and in other UN bodies. As requested by the Assembly, work is already underway on the development of a new global CO₂ certification Standard by 2013.

The Assembly Resolution represents a big challenge, but provides an array of opportunities as ICAO and its 190 member States move forward in achieving the ultimate objective of sustainable international aviation. ICAO will continue to exercise its leadership in all matters related to international aviation, including the limitation or reduction of GHG emissions, which shall be addressed under the globally harmonized framework outlined in the Assembly Resolution, with all member States and the air transport industry working further through ICAO.

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Note: All information related to the outcome from and further progress achieved since the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly, including the full text of Resolution A37-19, is provided in the ICAO's submission to this SBSTA session (FCCC/SBSTA/2011/MISC.5).