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**Remarks by the Secretary General
of the International Civil Aviation Organization,
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ATT Governors Policy Session:**

“Building a Path to Net-Zero Aviation”

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1. As recently emphasized by UN Secretary General Guterres, the pandemic has offered humanity a moment to *“build a sustainable system driven by renewable energy, green jobs, and a resilient future”*.
2. As ICAO Secretary General, I am greatly encouraged today that governments and the air transport industry have both the motivation and opportunity to answer this call.
3. During recent events organized by ICAO, in the areas of innovation and the environment, stakeholders from around the world arrived with strong commitments, ambitious roadmaps, and dozens of exciting new climate solutions.
4. Tremendous innovations in hybrid, electric, and hydrogen propulsion were discussed, recent exponential advances in battery energy density and increased sustainable aviation fuels deployment were appreciated, and a common call was heard on the need to accelerate the pace at which we identify, assess, and regulate these advances, to the benefit of all.
5. Today’s innovations, however, represent some very significant aviation paradigm shifts. And they’ll also heavily rely on new investments, incentives, and partnerships being attracted and realized.
6. ICAO is where many of those partnerships happen, and we will continue to drive progress in all areas of aviation sustainability.
7. We will also work to help enable and not stifle the paradigm shifts now underway, while ensuring throughout this coming evolution that our sector’s overall sustainability is appreciated based on the many social, environmental and economic factors which comprise it, and not only its annual emissions.

8. Thank you.