



Environmental Colloquium

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Closing Remarks Director, Air Transport Bureau

Ladies and gentlemen:

It is said that there is nothing with a beginning without an end. Some, if not all of us, on Tuesday went through a tutorial designed to provide a broad overview of aviation and climate change to facilitate understanding of the proceedings at this colloquium. The colloquium itself was planned with the aim of throwing light on strategies and programmes not only of ICAO, but also of the industry, academic and research institutions as well as international organizations, to harness technical, scientific and economic solutions in the global fight against climate change.

Our excellent teams of panellists have enlightened us. The scene was set by discussing possible approaches to addressing our GHG emissions. We have deliberated on estimates of aviation's current and future contribution to GHG emissions. We have examined aviation emissions quantification and MRV and have tried to push the technology envelope by looking into technical improvements that can be made to reduce these emissions. Knowing that technology alone will not take us to our intended destination, we have been flown through operational opportunities checking out opportunities for improved operational measures and have been taken through ATM improvements and best practices. We have been reminded that our basket of measures cannot be considered to be full or complete without market based measures. Accordingly, carbon markets, offset programmes, ETS, taxes and levies and other approaches have been considered here.

We have also been made to realize that any discussion on limiting or reducing aviation's impacts on global climate cannot be said to be exhaustive without considering matters such as adaptation, alternative fuels and financing. Finally, for the way forward, ICAO Programme of Action in this regard and actions required on the part of States have been highlighted.

Ladies and gentlemen, you will agree with me that the objectives of this colloquium have been achieved. You have all been wonderful participants and on behalf of this Organization, I thank you very much for your attendance and cooperation.

The success of this event is an evidence of fact that we are all united in our quest to find a solution to the problem of the adverse environmental impacts of our activities, especially with respect to Climate Change.

My appreciation goes to Mr. Michael Kenney, Director, KB Environmental Sciences, for his excellent handling of the tutorial. My gratitude also goes to the moderator of this Colloquium, Mr. Christopher Surgenor, Editor, GreenAir Online, who has conducted the proceedings of this event efficiently and effectively. I thank various speakers for their enlightening presentations. I will also like to extend my most sincere appreciation to all our secretariat staff headed of course by our most capable and indefatigable Chief, Environment Branch, Jane Hupe – in particular Ted Thrasher who co-presented one

of the Tutorial Sessions and our very energetic Blandine Ferrier, the coordinator of this event. I thank our technicians who took care of the communication equipment and others who contributed one way or the other, to the success of this event. Our gratitude also goes to our partners, supporters and supporting organizations for their kind assistance in various ways. Most especially Airbus, Boeing, IATA, Bombardier, Embraer, Nav Canada, Metron Aviation, Pratt and Whitney and Gardn, sponsors of the various breakfast, lunches and receptions we had. I thank you all very much.

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