

## **High-Level Meeting on the feasibility of a long-term aspirational goal for the reduction of CO2 emissions from international aviation**

### **Statement by the Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications of the Republic of Chile, Mr. Juan Carlos Muñoz**

Mr. President, Distinguished Delegates and Observers,

On behalf of the Government of Chile, I extend a warm greeting to all those present at this High-Level Meeting, and I am grateful for the opportunity to convey to you my country's vision on the subject addressed by this magnificent event.

Air transport constitutes a virtuous tool for connectivity and relations between States and peoples, and is also a key enabler for many other economic activities. For a country like Chile, this feature takes on particular relevance, since due to its geographical conditions, both domestic and international connectivity depend on air transport.

As humanity we face perhaps the greatest challenge in our history, a climate crisis that affects the entire world equally. This scenario demands from all States the adoption of immediate measures and an adaptation effort to modify our usual behaviors. To this end, we believe that in addition to the necessary protection of ecosystems, it is imperative to contribute to the reduction of GHG emissions, fundamentally through international climate commitments, with ambitious long-term objectives and strengthening mitigation goals towards carbon neutrality.

Given the fact that international air transport is no exception to this phenomenon, we believe that the contribution of the world aviation community should be even greater. For this reason, since its inception Chile has supported CORSIA under the remarkable leadership of ICAO, as well as operational measures to improve energy efficiency and the development of SAF.

Chilean aviation contributes approximately 0.3% of total global GHG emissions from air transport. It appears to be a small figure in the global context and compared to other countries, but even so, it forces us to adopt decisive actions based on our own capabilities.

Inspired by a collaborative approach between the industry and the authority, Chile has developed the program called "Clean Flight" aimed to the implementation of tools that reduce fuel consumption and emissions in air transport. Additionally, we are working on a public-private strategy that allows the country to move forward in the use of SAF to contribute even more to the reduction of GHG.

Our country has made a solid commitment to advance in decarbonization and has expressed this position in the recently passed Climate Change Act, which seeks to achieve GHG emissions neutrality by 2050. This Long-Term Climate Strategy contemplates a reduction by 2040 of 20% of direct GHG emissions compared to 2018, hoping to achieve a reduction of 40% by 2050.

Additionally, since 2020 we have promoted a national green hydrogen strategy, aimed at decarbonizing air transport through the use of hydrogen-derived fuels. With this initiative we

expect to become a global provider of clean energy, including the use of synthetic fuels in aviation.

Within the solemn framework of this meeting, we believe that the chances of succeeding in this purpose inevitably lie in international cooperation between stakeholders. Likewise, we reaffirm Chile's position in favor of multilateralism and a foreign policy focused on climate change, protection of biodiversity and sustainable development.

From this vision and based on our own capabilities, we commit to join all initiatives that contribute to these ends, as it is our duty to future generations.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.