

**ICAO HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A LONG-TERM  
ASPIRATIONAL GOAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION  
CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION REDUCTIONS  
(HLM-LTAG)**

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**STATEMENT BY THE SULTANATE OF OMAN**

(Presented by President of Oman Civil Aviation Authority, Mr. Naif Al Abri)

Chairperson of LTAG, President of ICAO Council, Secretary General of ICAO, Excellencies, and distinguished delegates,

A warm welcome to everyone from Oman, thank you very much for the opportunity to present this statement here today. Climate change and the reduction of carbon emissions is a matter of great importance to the Sultanate of Oman. Oman 2040 Vision forges environment to be an integral part when identifying national priorities and strategies for future development of the country, thus ensuring the protection of the nation's natural resources and its ecosystem.

In the area of international aviation, managing carbon emissions of airports and airlines is crucial as Oman will be striving for net-zero aviation emissions using innovative technologies and programmes, in addition to solar and wind, Oman will also be investing in green hydrogen production to create renewable, environmentally friendly energy.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is the only platform where joint efforts can be made to address emissions from international aviation, where short and long-term goals are established, and further development of a global sustainability framework to support Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), Low Carbon Aviation Fuel (LCAF), and the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA) can be realized.

We are committed to working together with ICAO, Member States and industries to advance actions to reduce aviation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as well as to support the adoption by ICAO of an ambitious long-term aspirational goal consistent with keeping the global average temperature increase below 1.5°C in conjunction with the recovery of the industry from the adverse impacts of COVID-19.

Furthermore, as a developing country, we recognize the importance of the *No Country Left Behind* initiative for the sustainable development of aviation, especially through the CORSA Buddy Partnerships. We have benefitted through the assistance for capacity-building and training of our technical experts for better implementation of ICAO objectives. Moreover, expanding and strengthening the existing practical solutions through knowledge sharing and a system-wide approach could possibly facilitate in improved performance.

Climate change can no longer be ignored as its effects to our planet can be seen globally, I hope that during this HLM we continue the spirit of collaboration to reach an agreement on an LTAG, consequently allowing the sustainability of the aviation industry.

I wish everyone fruitful and productive deliberations.

Thank you.