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TO REDUCE CO₂ EMISSIONS FROM AVIATION

(Presented by Viet Nam)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Vietnam recognizes the growing need to address the global challenge of climate change and is confident that technology, operations and infrastructure measures will provide the long-term solution for aviation's sustainable growth.

Action: The Assembly is invited to support the proposals described in paragraph 3.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objective C – <i>Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development of Air Transport.</i>
<i>Financial implications:</i>	No financial implications.
<i>References:</i>	Not applicable.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Aviation plays an essential role in economic progress and market access for the world economy and its citizens, including Vietnam.

1.2 With these benefits aviation also produces around 2 per cent of the global total CO₂ (greenhouse gas emissions) that contribute to global climate change.

1.3 Climate change cannot be addressed by one individual country. Rather, they are issues that must be addressed by all countries.

1.4 Aviation plays a key role in promoting sustainable development and should remain safe, affordable and accessible in order to ensure mobility on an equitable basis to all sectors of society.

1.5 The role of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in addressing aviation emissions, including pursuant to the request from the Parties to the UNFCCC is important.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 Vietnam is confident that technology, operations and infrastructure measures will provide long-term solutions for aviation's sustainable growth.

2.2 The unilateral and mandatory extension of the EU ETS to include non-EU carries operating to and from EU aerodromes, without the consent of respective governments, is inconsistent with the Convention on International Civil Aviation and may open up possibilities of other countries and region adopting or imposing similar measures, resulting in severe negative consequences for the airlines and economies.

2.3 Vietnam fully supports ICAO's policies in addressing aviation emission and strongly believes that the environment impact of international air transport is most effectively addressed through a global approach under the leadership of ICAO.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Vietnam urges ICAO to request States to refrain from taking unilateral market-based measures and to work collaboratively with ICAO to address aviation emissions

3.2 Vietnam urges ICAO to provide strong leadership in continuing its efforts to reduce aviation's contribution to climate change, but to keep aviation safe, affordable and accessible.