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### **Afghanistan volunteering to participate in CORSIA**

On behalf of the Afghanistan Civil Aviation Authority (ACAA), I have the honour to confirm that the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan will voluntarily participate in the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) from 2021 and therefore is willing to contribute to minimise the impact of aviation on the environment and climate change.

While aviation connects countries and communities, supports tourism, trade, and is a key driver for economic development, its growth has an adverse impact on the environment.

Afghanistan's recent efforts, in particular through its Civil Aviation Authority (ACAA), involves the willingness to, although being exempted, take a step forward and show the state's commitment to the aviation environment through voluntary participation in CORSIA to address the impact from the international aviation activity that is performed between Afghanistan and other participating States. The more states join CORSIA, the more emissions will be covered by the scheme and the greater the environmental benefits because the overall emissions coverage will be increased.

ACAA would like to take this opportunity to express its utmost appreciation and highest consideration to ICAO.

Sincerely,

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