

Message from the Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

This year, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Chicago Convention, setting forth the mission of the Organization, ensuring that “international civil aviation may be developed in a safe and orderly manner and that international air transport services may be established on the basis of equality of opportunity and operated soundly and economically”. 75 years later, while we seize the opportunity of this landmark anniversary to applaud the progress accomplished thus far, we should also reflect upon the foundations of our collective success and prepare for the challenges lying ahead of us.

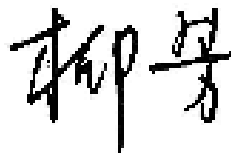
Over more than five decades, ICAO’s work on environmental protection has undoubtedly formed a success story, acknowledged by all in the international aviation sector, and beyond. A series of historical decisions have been made, demonstrating the ability of the world’s nations to come together and make meaningful decisions. The adoption by ICAO Member States of the first ever global sector market-based measures in 2016 will remain a long-standing illustration of ICAO’s ability to adjust to new environmental challenges. Organizational leadership and tireless work are the two key ingredients to mobilize the resources needed to successfully implement a scheme such as the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).



Along the years, ICAO has stepped-up to the expectations set by its Member States, demonstrating its capability to build-up the required expertise in all areas of environmental protection, from noise to local air quality and climate change.

This 2019 ICAO Environmental Report was developed to reflect the intensive work carried out by the international aviation stakeholders to mitigate the current challenges of

the sector and stimulate collective thinking on the future challenges. Forging the right responses to address these challenges will require more engagement with all - long-standing partners of ICAO or non-traditional aviation stakeholders and may involve new forms of cooperation, so we can reach our *Destination Green: The Next Chapter*.



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