



**Statement from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
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As President of the Council of ICAO, my message is clear: The International Civil Aviation Organization is, and has always been, committed to addressing the impacts of international aviation on the global climate.

Under ICAO, international aviation has produced the first globally-harmonized agreement, as a sector, on a goal to address CO<sub>2</sub> emissions resulting from its activities.

At a High-level Meeting on International Aviation and Climate Change, ICAO States endorsed a Programme of Action, reflecting the shared vision and strong will of our 190 member States. It includes:

1. A global goal of 2 % annual improvement in fuel efficiency until the year 2050, and further exploration on more ambitious goals, including carbon-neutral growth and emissions reductions;
2. Development of a global CO<sub>2</sub> standard and a framework for market-based measures in international aviation;
3. The submission of States' action plans to ICAO, outlining their policies and actions;
4. Measures to assist developing States and facilitate access to financial resources, technology transfer and capacity-building; and
5. Alternative fuels.

Just a few weeks ago, ICAO held a world conference and adopted a global framework on the development and deployment of sustainable alternative fuels for aviation, as an important means of reducing aviation emissions. Air transport is well positioned to become the first sector to use sustainable alternative fuels on a global basis.

These concrete actions and tangible global results show the remarkable progress of aviation States and the air transport industry, towards achieving an efficient and sustainable global aviation under ICAO's leadership.

Mr. Chairman, today is International Civil Aviation Day celebrated every year to mark the anniversary of the creation of ICAO in 1944. The theme this year is "*65 years of empowering the global community through aviation*". We accomplish our mission through consensus building and global cooperation, and we look to COP15 to deliver an agreement that acknowledges the importance for all States to work through ICAO towards the achievement of an environmentally sustainable international aviation.

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