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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 17: Environmental Protection – Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)

REASSERTION OF THE ARAB CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE "CORSIA" PLAN AS THE ONLY GLOBAL MARKET-BASED MEASURE APPLIED TO CO₂ EMISSIONS FROM INTERNATIONAL AVIATION

(Presented by the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO))

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper aims to confirm the acknowledgement by the Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) that the "CORSIA Plan" is the only global market-based measure that applies to CO₂ emissions from international aviation.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Objective E - Environmental Protection
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<i>Financial implications:</i>	None
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<i>References:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Document 7300/9 Convention on International Civil Aviation• Resolution A39-2 & A39-3 of the ICAO Assembly• Annex 16, Volume IV
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ACAO has been and will continue to support the leading role of ICAO, its strategic objectives and initiatives, including the 'No Country Left Behind' initiative.

1.2 ACAO seeks to achieve the strategic objectives set by its governing bodies in line with the strategic objectives of ICAO and the objectives of the United Nations Program for Sustainable Development, particularly those related to the environment (Goal 13 "Climate Action").

¹ Arabic and English versions provided by ACAO

1.3 The Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) appreciates the leading role of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in the establishment and adoption of the relevant SARPs (Annex 16, Volume IV).

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 The adoption by the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in June 2018 of the SARPs referred to in paragraph 3.1 above constitutes a focal point in the standardization of regulations and practices for the implementation of this Plan. The Arab Organization therefore expresses the wish that the implementation of the CORSIA Plan will be a successful way to address climate change in civil aviation, as a last resort, in addition to all solutions within the Basket of Measures.

2.2 The Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) also considers that the CORSIA plan is the only global standard for the calculation of CO₂ emissions from international flights, in accordance with Resolution II and III of Assembly 39.

2.3 ACAO considers the need for implementing in full conformity the Annex 16, Volume IV in all regions and that no parallel or similar systems to the CORSIA plan should be applied for monitoring and reporting emissions from international civil aviation. The application of a single or regional system would result in a "mix" of regulatory measures. This is to be avoided through the application of the Global and unique Standard system for international flights under the ICAO umbrella solely to avoid any additional administrative burdens on the appropriate authorities and air operators.

2.4 Emphasis should be placed on providing all necessary assistance for the qualification of human resources and personnel and for providing the appropriate environment for the implementation of capacity-building and financial support for States, in regions for which the system is new - particularly in developing countries - to reaffirm ICAO's "No Country Left Behind" initiative.

2.5 The Arab Civil Aviation Organization (ACAO) has followed the work and conclusions of the IATA's 75th Annual Meeting, and fully understands the Association's decision on the CORSIA Plan in general, and operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of the resolution in particular, in which the Association, and its Air Operators urge all ICAO Member States to reaffirm their support for the "CORSIA" Plan, as the only global measure based on market mechanisms applied to international flights, and their rejection of the decisions of some States and regions to impose taxes or tools for carbon pricing on international aviation in addition to the "CORSIA" Plan.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Take note of the content of the paper;

3.2 Reaffirm that the CORSIA Plan is the only global plan for market-based measures (MBMS) to calculate carbon dioxide emissions from international civil aviation and that these emissions are counted only once and under the umbrella of ICAO.