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Subject: Declaration of reservations of the Republic of India in relation to Resolution A:39-22/1–Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices environmental protection–Climate Change

Dear Madam,

The Republic of India is committed to addressing the issue of climate change, and, as a responsible member of the global community, it appreciates, and is willing to play its part to support, ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection.

The principles set by the Paris Agreement achieved under UNFCCC during COP21 in 2015, clearly recognize that the developing countries have not yet reached their peak emission and it will take longer for developing countries to do so. COP21 does not mandate carbon neutral growth specific to any particular sector, and certainly not by 2020. Therefore CNG2020 would be impractical and would hurt the aviation sector, particularly in the developing countries, where aviation sector has not yet matured and is growing at a fast pace.

Therefore, the Republic of India expresses its concern on the aspirational goal of carbon neutral growth from 2020 and declares its reservation in respect of the preamble and paragraph 6 of the Assembly Resolution A39-22/1.

Madam Secretary General, please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Alok Shekhar)
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Dr. Fang Liu,
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Subject: Declaration of reservations of the Republic of India in relation to Resolution A:39-22/2– Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices environmental protection–Global Market-Based Measure (GMBM)

Dear Madam,

The Republic of India is committed to addressing the issue of climate change, and, as a responsible member of the global community, it appreciates, and is willing to play its part to support, ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection, including GMBM. We understand, this would not only help the global community in addressing some of the climate change issues arising out of international aviation activities, but, would also prevent a patchwork of solutions by individual States or regions, which has the potential to hamper the growth of international aviation.

However, we are concerned that the Assembly Resolution A39-22/2 does not allow fast growers, like India, which are still developing, to achieve maturity of market, before being subjected to carbon offsetting requirements.

The Republic of India, therefore, registers its reservations on paragraphs 5 and 11 of the Assembly Resolution A39-22/2, for the reasons recorded as under:

1. **Para 5**

The scheme needs to be critically evaluated after the pilot and 1st (voluntary) phases, and scope should be left open for other possible options to address annual increase in carbon emissions from international aviation.

2. **Para 11**

The design elements of the 2nd (mandatory) phase of the scheme, as contained in this resolution, need to be reviewed. We believe that the environmental and economic impact of the implementation of the scheme, particularly on developing countries, should be critically evaluated after the implementation of the pilot and 1st (voluntary) phases, before deciding on the design elements of the scheme in the mandatory phase, while adhering to the guiding principles set out in the Annex to the resolution A39-22/1.

The Republic of India would keenly monitor the operation of the GMBM scheme (CORSIA), as it is further developed and implemented, and observe the results of the critical evaluation of the pilot and 1st (voluntary) phase, including its environmental and economic impact, particularly in developing countries, and would be open to adjust its reservations at a later stage.

Madam Secretary General, please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

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