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Dear Dr. Liu,

I would like to refer to the ICAO Assembly Resolution (A39-2) "Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection – Climate change". In this regard, I wish to confirm in writing the reservation made by the Government of Saudi Arabia in respect of operative paragraph 6 of the Resolution concerning the global aspirational goal of keeping the global net carbon emissions from international aviation from 2020 at the same level. This reservation was verbally expressed in the closing of the Plenary meetings.

In its Assembly Resolution (A37-19) in 2010, ICAO has adopted the above-mentioned aspirational goal without assessing its attainability and impacts; a concern which was expressed by many States in the form of reservations. Consequently, Paragraphs (9) and (10) of the Assembly Resolution (A38-18) requested the Council to review the above-mentioned aspirational goal as well as its feasibility and practicability, and also to conduct detailed studies assessing the attainability and impacts of any goals proposed, including the impact on growth as well as the economic impact in all countries, especially developing countries, for the progress of the work to be presented to the 39th Session of the ICAO Assembly.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia regrets the fact that these studies have not been conducted, and rather the above-mentioned paragraphs (9) and (10) have been carried over into paragraphs (8) and (9) of the (A39-2). Therefore, Saudi Arabia reiterates that paragraph 6 of (A39-2) does not stipulate the aspirational goal based on scientific and practical studies, nor does it assess its feasibility and practicability. Moreover, it does not consider the right of the developing countries to growth and market maturity.

In light of the above, I would like to kindly request that this reservation is formally recorded.

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