



**Declaration by the President of the Council of the
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO),
Mr. Roberto Kobeh González,
on the occasion of World Environment Day**

(Friday, 5 June 2009)

Today, 5 June, we celebrate the annual United Nations *World Environment Day*. The theme for this year's event is "Your Planet Needs You! Unite to Combat Climate Change."

The continuous efforts of ICAO and its 190 Member States in minimizing the impact of aviation on the environment reflects very well this call for unity and cooperation in addressing one of the most critical challenges our global society faces.

I am particularly proud of our latest achievement contained in the report of the Group on International Aviation and Climate Change (GIACC). Its mandate was to develop and implement an aggressive plan of action to combat climate change and the framework for action it proposes constitutes a proactive and pragmatic approach for ICAO and its Member States to respond effectively to any future global agreement on climate change.

The celebration being held today in the Foyer of Conference Room 3 at 12 p.m. is an opportunity to show your support for this important day.