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# DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE ON A GLOBAL STRATEGY FOR AVIATION SAFETY

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## DRAFT DECLARATION

*Whereas* the Convention on International Civil Aviation and its Annexes provide the essential framework required to meet the safety needs of a global aviation system;

*Whereas* the Directors General of Civil Aviation have a collective responsibility for international civil aviation safety;

*Recognizing* that the safety framework must be fully utilized by all stakeholders and continuously evolve to ensure its sustained effectiveness in the changing regulatory, economic and technical environment of the 21st century;

*Recalling* that transparency and sharing of safety information are fundamental tenets of a safe air transportation system;

*Recognizing* that mutual trust between States as well as public confidence in the safety of air transportation is contingent upon access to adequate safety information;

*Recognizing* that safety is a shared responsibility, and advancements in global safety can only be possible through the leadership of ICAO and a cooperative, collaborative and coordinated effort among all stakeholders; and

*Recognizing* that further improvements in aviation safety within and among States require a cooperative and proactive approach in which safety risks are identified and managed;

*The Directors General of Civil Aviation:*

1. *Commit* to reinforce the global aviation safety framework by:
  - a) sharing as soon as possible appropriate safety-related information among all aviation stakeholders, including the public;

- b) exercising safety oversight of their operators in full compliance with applicable SARPS, ensuring that foreign operators flying in their territory receive adequate oversight from their State and taking appropriate action when necessary to preserve safety;
- c) expeditiously implementing safety management systems across all safety-related disciplines to supplement the existing regulatory framework; and
- d) developing sustainable safety solutions, including the formation or strengthening of regional and sub-regional safety oversight organizations and initiatives;

2. *Call upon* States, ICAO, industry, and donor organizations to redirect resources towards the establishment of sustainable safety oversight solutions;

3. *Call upon* ICAO and industry to support the coordinated implementation of safety management systems;

4. *Call upon* ICAO to:

- a) develop and actively support information exchange mechanisms that allow for an unrestricted flow of safety information between all aviation stakeholders;
- b) develop a strategy to communicate safety information effectively to the public;
- c) develop a mechanism under Article 21 of the Convention to make available aircraft registration and operator information;
- d) develop and implement guidelines and procedures to verify the conditions for recognition as valid of certificates and licences, in keeping with Article 33 of the Convention; and
- e) consider the development of a new Annex on safety oversight, safety assessment and safety management; and

5. *Call upon* States and industry to closely coordinate with ICAO their safety initiatives to ensure optimum benefits to global aviation safety and to reduce duplication in effort.

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