

ELEVENTH AIR NAVIGATION CONFERENCE

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REPORT

STATEMENT BY DELEGATION

Insert the attached statement(s) by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) on Agenda Item 7 in the report folder.

7.6 STATEMENT BY THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA)

7.6.1 The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is honoured to participate in the 11th Air Navigation Conference as the voice of 275 international carriers representing 98% of the international scheduled traffic. Our formal policy development and approval process ensures that we confidently speak on behalf of ALL of our members. We believe that the valuable debates and discussions has been open and frank, and this committee has achieved significant progress on issues crucial to the future of aviation.

7.6.2 As highlighted by President of the Council of ICAO, Dr. Kotaite, airlines have been critically affected by recent events. Therefore, IATA Members will only commit to implementing system solutions, which have proven to be safe, beneficial and operationally justified. Implementation of unnecessary system solutions, in particular equipment that duplicates functions onboard the aircraft are unacceptable. Such unnecessary equipment, increases operating costs, increases user charges and reduces efficiency whilst potentially, negatively impacting safety.

7.6.3 The airspace users, who have to bear the cost of such implementation onboard AND on ground, find the idea of diverging into multiple communication systems unacceptable. The future communication environment must be seamless in every sense of the word. Airspace users do expect competitive services and competition in applications but not competing systems.

7.6.4 The implementation of VDL Mode 2 will improve the speed and data capacity to sustain the growth in data link communication without increasing band congestion. Implementation of VDL Mode 3 and/or VDL Mode 4 cannot be justified, as they do NOT demonstrably provide overall benefits to airspace users.

7.6.5 IATA remains committed to working with ICAO, States and Industry, to achieve a global, seamless and harmonized communications environment for the benefit of all users of civil aviation.

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