



Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia
to the
International Civil Aviation Organization
Montreal, Canada

Statement of Reservation by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

We would like to refer to the ICAO 40th Assembly Resolution “Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection – Climate change” that was adopted recently. In this regard, the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia would like to reiterate its reservation in respect of operative paragraph 6 of said resolution concerning ICAO 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 of ICAO Assemblies 37, 38 and 39.

In paragraph 6 of its Assembly Resolution (A37-19) in 2010, ICAO had adopted the above-mentioned aspirational goal without assessing its attainability and impacts, especially for developing countries; a concern which was expressed by many States in the form of reservations. The same resolution in paragraph 7 requested the Assembly during its 38th session to review the aforementioned goal in light of progress towards the goal, new studies regarding the feasibility of achieving the goal, and relevant information from States. The same scenario was repeated during all the following Assemblies up until the 40th Assembly, held in 2019, and no real feasibility study was submitted. All that was submitted to the Assembly was the “Trend Assessment” conducted by the Committee on Environmental Protection. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia wishes to confirm that this aspirational goal was not based on scientific and practical studies, nor were its feasibility and practicability assessed. Moreover, it did not take into consideration the right of developing countries to grow and reach the maximum emissions volume and market maturity that were reached by developed countries before them.

In light of the above, we would like to kindly request, Mr. President, that this reservation be formally recorded.

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