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**CUBA'S ROLE IN THE COMPENSATION AND CARBON REDUCTION SCHEME FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION (CORSIA)**

(Presented by Cuba)

| <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| This working paper acknowledges the performance of ICAO on environmental issues and describes Cuba's work related to the Carbon Offset and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), implemented by the Organization. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>Strategic goals:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                           | This working paper relates to the Strategic Goal – <i>Aviation is Environmentally Sustainable</i> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <i>Financial implications:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Not applicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <i>References:</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Resolution A41-22: Consolidated statement of ICAO's permanent policies and practices regarding environmental protection – Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).<br>Annex 16 — Environmental Protection, Volume IV – Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), Chapter 2.<br>Doc 9501, Environmental Technical Manual, Volume IV, Procedures to demonstrate compliance with the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA). |

<sup>1</sup> English and Spanish versions provided by Cuba.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 ICAO has developed a continuous effort regarding the decarbonization of international aviation based on the protection of the environment against climate change. Cuba acknowledges the performance of the Organization in this regard and praises all the progress made in the sector.

1.2 In general terms, Cuba, through its competent environmental authority, has made progress and contributed to programs aimed at protecting the environment to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change, in accordance with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement, recognizing its principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, equity, and respective capacities, in light of different national circumstances.

## 2. ANALYSIS

2.1 In line with ICAO, Cuba created its own regulations or standards taking into account the relevant requirements and recommendations included in the four volumes of Annex 16 to the Chicago Convention.

2.2 Cuba developed and presented the first iteration of its State Action Plan concerning CO<sub>2</sub> and is working on its update. It has implemented monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) procedures for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from international flights of its air operator for CORSIA, and it reports annually through the CCR platform of CORSIA.

2.3 Support has been received through ICAO's capacity-building programs for CORSIA (ACT-CORSIA) from expert staff of EASA, and (ACT-SAF) for the European Union project (EU-CORSIA Africa and Caribbean) for sustainable aviation fuels (SAF).

2.4 Thanks to the project (EU-CORSIA Africa and Caribbean), in 2024, GAMMA from the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Environment (CITMA) was prepared and accredited as a national body for verifying CO<sub>2</sub> emissions declarations under the CORSIA programme.

2.5 The Cuban State chose to formally enter the pilot phase of the CORSIA scheme starting in 2023.

2.6 Despite Cuba's ongoing support for the work of ICAO, it is important to note that we are a small island developing state (SIDS), with a relatively small area of 109,884 square kilometers, and also a reduced population of around 9.7 million people. International air traffic levels also suffered an unprecedented decline due to travel restrictions associated with COVID-19 at local, regional and global levels. The island currently has a small international air transport market, although it is growing.

## 3. CONCLUSION

3.1 Cuba will maintain its support for the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) implemented by ICAO.