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**STATEMENT BY ANGOLA**

(Presented by Angola)

**Mr. President of the Assembly,  
Mr. President of the Council,  
Secretary-General of ICAO,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

It is an Honor for me, as the Minister of Transport of the Republic of Angola, to address this distinguished Assembly. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Government of Canada for its warm hospitality and to the ICAO leadership for its exemplary work over the past triennium, from which Angola has greatly benefited. We also congratulate the President of this 42nd Assembly and look forward to your guidance in achieving meaningful outcomes for global civil aviation.

Angola regards civil aviation as a key driver of sustainable development, economic diversification, and regional integration. Our strategy aligns fully with ICAO's principles of safety, security, efficiency, and environmental sustainability.

Allow me to highlight key areas of progress and commitment:

1. The new Dr. António Agostinho Neto International Airport will soon commence operations, offering a state-of-the-art facility designed to meet the highest international standards. Angola has also established ICB-URBE S.A. to manage the airport city and ATO & OC S.A. to provide technical and operational support, ensuring seamless operations and development.
2. We continue close cooperation with ICAO through projects such as AGO18801 (Reinforcement of Civil Aviation Security Oversight), AGO23801 (Operationalization of the New Airport), AGO20801 (Modernization of Air Navigation Support Systems), and the National NGAP Strategy. The creation of the Angola Civil Aviation Academy (AACA) in partnership with ICAO and CAAS Singapore underscores our commitment to continuous training, research, and professional development.

3. The June 2025 USAP-CMA audit recognized Angola's civil aviation security system with a score of 83.14%, exceeding the African average of 66.70% and the global average of 72.01%, surpassing the 75% target set in the Global Aviation Security Plan. In comparison, Angola's 2017 score was 46.85%, illustrating significant progress. Earlier, the 2022 USOAP audit also confirmed Angola's leadership in regional safety oversight.
4. Angola has signed Bilateral Air Services Agreements with over 50 states and granted tourist visa exemptions to citizens of 98 countries. As an active member of the Single African Air Transport Market (SAATM), Angola was recognized as Champion State for Intra-African Air Connectivity by AFCAC and awarded Service Provider of the Year by African Airlines Association (AFRAA).
5. We are committed to reducing aviation's environmental impact, including the acquisition of Airbus A220-300 aircraft, 30% more fuel-efficient than previous models. Angola implements campaigns on environmental awareness, inclusion, diversity, and gender equality. Our adherence to CORSIA and the goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 guide our environmental strategy, complemented by the National Action Plan for UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace, and Security.
6. Angola reaffirms its determination to harmonize national regulations with ICAO SARPs, strengthen regional cooperation, and advance innovation in aviation. We proudly submit our candidacy for Part III of the ICAO Council (2025–2028) representing Southern Africa, reflecting our commitment to consensus-building, sustainable solutions, and strengthened regional and global civil aviation governance.

Mr. President, distinguished delegates, Angola remains fully committed to building a modern, safe, sustainable, and inclusive civil aviation system. We stand ready to collaborate with all Member States to ensure civil aviation continues to drive growth, connectivity, and cooperation worldwide.

Thank you.

Ricardo Viegas D'Abreu  
Angola Minister of Transports

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