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STATEMENT BY VIET NAM

(Presented by Viet Nam)

Mr. President of the Assembly,
Mr. President of the Council,
Mr. Secretary General,
Your Excellencies Ministers and Heads of Delegation of Contracting States,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my greatest honor and pleasure to address at the 42nd Session of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly. And on behalf of the Head of Delegation of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, please allow me to express our sincere appreciation to the Government of Canada, the President of the Council and also the Secretary General for your warm hospitality.

2025 marks 45 years of Viet Nam's membership of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Since then the aviation industry of Viet Nam has been increasingly developing and recorded remarkable achievements.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Despite COVID-19 impacts, Viet Nam has tremendously recovering from the epidemic in terms of both domestic and international air transport and now is seen as the fastest-growing country in aviation sector in the Asia and Pacific Region. Some highlights are as follows:

Aviation industry has always played an important role in serving public and driving Viet Nam's economy. After end of COVID-19 in 2022, the air transport continues to grow reaching the 2019 level. The growing in air transport was 5% in 2024 in terms of passengers which is equivalent of 76 million passengers and it is forecasted to reach about 85 million passengers in 2025.

All airports in Viet Nam have been certified, of which 10 international airports. The airports system in Viet Nam has been expanding to cater for the increasing demand of travellers. To achieve this goal, a Master Plan on National Airport Network from 2021-2030 and vision by 2050 has been adopted with the target that there will be 30 airports and 33 airports in 2030 and 2050 respectively, of which 14 International Airports in total. Almost 95% of people may have access to the airports within 100 kilometers.

Safety always remains a top priority in Viet Nam. Recognizing the importance of ensuring safety in all areas of aviation, all efforts have been taken by Viet Nam's aviation industry to maintain and improve the safety oversight capability to ensure the Effective Implementation (EI) in 8 CE in ICAO USOAP framework. In 2024, the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach (USOAP-CMA) audit was conducted in Viet Nam and the country's overall Effective Implementation (EI) score was at 78.14%, which signify the significant progress made by Viet Nam since the last USOAP on 2006. In addition, the State Safety Programme (SSP) has been established and effectively implemented in all areas, which aligns with ICAO Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP). The SSP creates a foundation to develop Viet Nam National Aviation Safety Plan (NASP) which recently has been approved and published.

Recognizing the environment protection in aviation activities is crucial for the sustainable development of aviation industry, Viet Nam commits to support and contribute to the implementation of ICAO's Long-term Strategic Plan for 2026-2050 and Long-term Global Aspirational Goal (LTAG) for international aviation of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. With this Viet Nam has decided to participate in CORSIA's voluntary phase from 01 January 2026. Viet Nam's voluntary participation indicates its strong commitments to the sustainability in the development of air transport, aligning with the State of Viet Nam's commitment in COP26.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

To maintain the growing in aviation industry, further enhance the security and safety, ensure sustainable development of air transport, the Ministry of Construction and the Civil Aviation Authority of Viet Nam attach great importance to the improvement of aviation legislation. The primary aviation legislation is the Law in Civil Aviation which was promulgated in 2006 and amended in 2024 is now being reviewed and revised. The new Law on Civil Aviation of Viet Nam will be submitted to the National Assembly for adoption at its Session in October, 2025. This Law and its related legal documents will reflect as much as possible the ICAO's standards and recommendations, providing more rooms for the development of Viet Nam's aviation industry in new era-the era of rising of Viet Nam.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Ministry of Construction and the Civil Aviation Authority of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, I would like to express my sincere thanks to ICAO, ICAO Regional Office in Asia and Pacific Region, all Member States and particularly our fellow Asia Pacific States and international organizations for their continuous support in our civil aviation. Viet Nam remains committed to support the ICAO's strategic and global plans as well as the leading role of ICAO in sustaining global civil aviation.

Thank you very much for your kind attention

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