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STATEMENT BY SWITZERLAND

(Presented by Switzerland)

Dear President of the Assembly
Dear President of the ICAO Council
Dear Secretary-General of ICAO
Distinguished Delegates and Observers

As the Director General of the Federal Office of Civil Aviation of Switzerland, it is a matter close to my heart to ensure that civil aviation is safe and secure, resilient and sustainable. I greatly value the work of ICAO, whose role in setting global standards and fostering international cooperation is more important than ever.

Today's challenges in civil aviation are diverse and complex. They range from preparing the next generation of aviation professionals, to strengthening the resilience of the global air transport system, and to accelerating the sector's contribution to global climate goals.

Switzerland is committed to actively address these global challenges and to contribute to the advancement of international civil aviation.

Switzerland is honoured and grateful for its election to the ICAO Council, on behalf of the Abis rotation Group. We thank you for your support.

We stand ready to bring our expertise, our collaborative approach and our long-standing commitment to ICAO's goals to the work of the Council.

Switzerland will pursue the challenges with **Dialogue, Diligence und Dedication:**

- Driven by a history of consensus-building, Switzerland intends to promote mutual understanding and collaborative action through **Dialogue**.
- **Diligence** is a defining trait of Switzerland. Guided by the principles of efficiency and precision, I'm convinced of the need for high-quality, data-driven and science-based approaches to strengthen aviation's resilience.

- Switzerland hosts some of the world's leading organizations, research institutions and companies in the field of emerging aviation technologies and sustainable aviation fuels. As a landlocked country whose economy depends on a performing aviation system, Switzerland is committed with **Dedication** to innovation and sustainability.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for ICAO's efforts to tackle the challenges facing the international civil aviation sector. With joint approaches and shared aspirations, we will strengthen international civil aviation even more. Switzerland and the Abis Group are honoured to contribute with Dialogue, Diligence and Dedication.

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