



**ASSEMBLY — 42ND SESSION**

**PLENARY**

**Agenda Item 8: Statements by delegations of Member States**

**STATEMENT BY PAKISTAN**

(Presented by Pakistan)

Mr. President,  
President of the ICAO Council,  
Secretary General ICAO,  
State Dignitaries, Excellencies, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning

1. This being the first time my delegation takes floor, I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate you, Mr. President, on your election to this important position. While wishing you success in your functions, I would like to assure you of the cooperation and support of my delegations towards meaningful, constructive and result-oriented deliberations at this session.

2. I would like also to convey our profound regards and appreciation to the esteemed delegates who have gathered here from around the world for the Assembly session. My delegation commends all the member states as well as the ICAO Secretariat on the Organization's achievements and successes since the signing of the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation on 7th December 1944.

Mr. President

3. I would like to reaffirm and reiterate my government's continued commitment to the aims and objectives of the International Civil Aviation Organization. The Government of Pakistan is fully cognizant of the evolving character of the aviation sector. Accordingly, we adopted a new National Aviation Policy few years ago. This Policy rests on four cardinal principles namely Reduced Cost of Doing Business, Ease of Doing Business, Facilitation, and Rationalization. Our new Policy aims not only at encouraging growth and development of the country's aviation sector but also at ensuring its alignment with global standards and practices. Accordingly, the regulatory functions of the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority has been separated from service provision and aircraft accident investigation functions.

4. Thanks to the liberal policy, our civil aviation sector has been expanding not only in terms of passenger numbers and cargo load but also the number of airlines. At the moment, five (5) of our national airlines offer international services while thirty-seven (37) foreign carriers operate in Pakistan. During the year 2025, Pakistan had international passenger traffic of more than 16 million and domestic passenger

traffic of around 6 million. These figures are reflective of the significance of the civil aviation sector in connecting Pakistan and the rest of the world.

Mr. President

5. Pakistan commitment towards ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices is amply evident from the results of the ICAO audits of our aviation sector. In our USOAP-CMA audit in November-December 2021, we had an overall Effective Implementation (EI) of 72.31%. Subsequently, Pakistan made significant improvement and in the 2024 ICAO Coordinated Validation Mission (ICVM), it increased the EI to 84.69 %, which is much higher than regional and global average. Similarly, in the last USAP audit in 2024, Pakistan secured an EI of 86.79 %, which is again higher than the regional and global average.

6. While we put a premium on strengthening safety, security and smooth operations of the global civil aviation, we earnestly hope that the safety of the international air traffic in our airspace is not endangered by others. We would like to urge all the ICAO member states, especially the Council members, to take serious note of such incidents and take appropriate steps under the 1944 Chicago Convention to ensure continued safety and security of the international civil aviation.

Mr. President

7. My government views ICAO's target of net zero CO2 emissions by 2050 as ambitious yet a noble step in the right direction. Pakistan's emissions are less than one percent. Yet, we are one of the most climate-affected countries. Taking cognizance of the situation, last year i.e., 2024, our Parliament amended the Constitution to acknowledge citizens' "right to clean, healthy and sustainable environment". Under our latest NDC, we have committed to reducing 50% of our GHG emissions by 2030. The Government has been taking concrete actions to deliver on its commitment of producing 60% of all energy from clean sources and shifting 30% of our vehicles to Electric Vehicles (EVs) by 2030. Substantive measures are also being undertaken w.r.t. the reductions of CO2 emissions of the civil aviation sector.

8. Notwithstanding the actions being taken by individual states towards the achievement of the target of net zero CO2 emissions by 2050, countries in the Global South need the support and cooperation of developed nations. In the spirit of no country left behind, let's put not only our heart and soul into this collective effort but also the finances and technology.

Mr. President

9. I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm and reiterate my Government's strong commitment to 'One-China' Policy. Pakistan firmly supports China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. I would like to draw this august gathering's attention to the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758, adopted on 25th October 1971, which recognizes the People's Republic of China (PRC) as "the only legitimate representative of China to the United Nations". Pakistan strongly believes in upholding the principles of UN charter and accordingly respect to the UN resolutions. We would like also to stress that inter-state relations should be based on mutual respect and non-interference in internal affairs.

Mr. President

10. Before I conclude, I would like to extend our gratitude to the ICAO Secretariat as well as our bilateral partners who have been supporting the expansion of our civil aviation sector.  
Thank you, Mr. President.