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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

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Please insert the attached citation as an Appendix to C-DEC 236/9.

APPENDIX

Lifetime Goodwill Ambassador of ICAO

Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano
President of the Council of ICAO (2020-2025)

Citation

Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano served with distinction as President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) during his two three-year terms from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025. His skillful diplomacy, unwavering impartiality, openness and humanity shaped a period of profound transformation for international civil aviation.

Through his steadfast and principled leadership, Mr. Sciacchitano galvanized the global aviation community towards a more unified, resilient and forward-looking international civil aviation ecosystem.

- At the onset of the unprecedented global COVID-19 pandemic, he took charge and established the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) for the Council, working in collaboration with State regulators and the industry, to ensure the continuation of international air transport to provide essential services and supplies to support the recovery from the global crisis, and exhorted the Council to work quickly to coordinate the development of *Take-off: Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis* to help with the global restart of international air transport.
- In the midst of the global recovery from the pandemic, he convened the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly with both in-person and real-time online participation for the first time, to adopt resolutions on the global aviation recovery and the Long Term Global Aspirational Goal (LTAG) of net zero aviation carbon emissions by 2050.
- At the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly, he rallied for support with a record and extraordinary participation of 192 out of 193 ICAO Member States at a time when multilateralism was under siege, bearing testament to Member States' resolve to reinforce ICAO's mandate to lead international cooperation across the entire air transport value chain. The Assembly adopted the landmark Long Term Strategic Plan 2026-2050 charting a 25-year roadmap anticipating a three-fold increase in air traffic to strengthen global connectivity and aviation safety, security and sustainability while achieving the aspiration of zero fatalities. The Global Framework for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), Lower-Carbon Aviation Fuel (LCAF) and other cleaner aviation energies, was also adopted to achieve aviation's global climate ambition.

Guided by the firm belief that the benefits of global aviation must be equitable, Mr. Sciacchitano enshrined inclusivity as a cornerstone of ICAO's work. He elevated the No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative into a strategic goal, underscoring that the benefits of global aviation – safety, security, connectivity and sustainability – must be accessible to all. He strengthened ICAO's engagement with the industry, introducing the annual Industry Consultative Forum to facilitate open exchanges and dialogue with the Council, which cultivated transparency, openness, and shared understanding among regulators and industry stakeholders on the global aviation ecosystem. Through patient consensus-building, he fostered greater collaboration between the Council and the Secretariat, strengthening ICAO's institutional effectiveness to drive coherent and unified action. His inclusive approach cultivated an environment in which all perspectives were welcomed and valued.

Mr. Sciacchitano took great effort to modernize ICAO, ensuring that it is future-ready. He championed and promoted a culture of innovation, positioning ICAO to keep pace with rapidly evolving technologies such as advanced air mobility, artificial intelligence, and digital travel credentials.

Mr. Sciacchitano upheld with unwavering dedication, the neutrality, dignity and objectivity of the Office of the President, and the credibility of the Council as the guardian of the Chicago Convention. Under his leadership, the Council addressed an unprecedented number of disputes, strengthened and refined the Council's decision-making processes, to ensure Council's decisions remain fact-based, legally sound and anchored in both the letter and spirit of the Chicago Convention.

In recognition of his exceptional leadership, his outstanding contributions to the development and modernization of global civil aviation, his service to the international aviation community with wisdom, integrity, humility, consensus building, and humanity to galvanize the aviation sector to navigate extraordinary challenges with unity and resolve, the ICAO Council conferred unanimously by acclamation, the honorary title of *Lifetime Goodwill Ambassador of ICAO* upon Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano.

Conferred on the 28th day of November 2025, at the ninth meeting of the 236th session of the ICAO Council

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