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**Closing remarks by the
Secretary General
to the ICAO Aviation Climate Week 2026**

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1. Multilateralism is aviation's only viable pathway to net-zero carbon emissions and only way to respond urgently to the climate crisis.
2. In this time of global uncertainty, you have demonstrated your recognition of the strength of multilateralism through your dialogue and cooperation here in Montréal. You have also demonstrated your strong commitment to our shared decarbonization goals.
3. ICAO is sincerely grateful for your leadership and your contributions to the success of this event.
4. We appreciate your expertise, openness, and engagement. Above all, we commend the recognition expressed here on decisive climate action. The input you have provided is critical and it will shape our approach.
5. It is in this way that our "One Global Path: Advancing Net Zero Aviation" brings together many approaches, followed by many different stakeholders, to lead towards the same destination.
6. We have recognized that a fragmented approach cannot work. This is why we will stay grounded in global collaboration and harmonized principles.
7. We have also recognized the urgency of our response to the climate emergency. This urgency is why I want to highlight three immediate next steps.
8. First, I encourage every State to make full use of the tools and networks developed here to update and quantify your State Action Plans for reducing aviation CO₂ emissions.

9. This will help ICAO deliver targeted support and strengthen our collective long-term ambition, including through the ICAO ACT-SAF, ACT-CORSIA, and ACT-LTAG programmes. It will also support the monitoring and tracking of progress toward net-zero.
10. Secondly, I challenge industry, financial institutions, and regulators to work with a greater sense of urgency, and together. Achieving our goals demands a dramatic acceleration of investment, especially in infrastructure for clean energy and the scale-up of sustainable aviation fuels.
11. I strongly encourage you to engage *actively* with the ICAO Finvest Hub to strengthen partnerships. In this way, we can transform our ambitions into real - and profitable - projects.
12. Finally, it is essential that we all remain committed to ICAO's globally harmonized regulatory framework. Clear and coherent frameworks and standards are critical for long-term investment and innovation. That is how we will support both environmental integrity and public trust as we grow.
13. ICAO will continue to ensure that our leadership and guidance not only keep pace but encourage this progress. We must accelerate progress by expanding engagement through CORSIA, the ACT-SAF initiative, and the ICAO Finvest Hub.
14. We must open new pathways through technological innovation.
15. And let us always remember that efficient air traffic management, airport operations, and adaptation strategies can deliver real emissions reductions TODAY. I urge you to share your expertise and perspectives at the ICAO Green Airports Seminar later this year, and help us accelerate these operational improvements.
16. With CORSIA's next phase beginning in 2027, I also want to underscore that our discussions confirmed the essential role of offsetting and emission reductions through CORSIA, the global market-based measure for international aviation.
17. We must ensure the availability of eligible fuels and emissions units. Drawing on the lessons we have learned so far will be essential to achieving this goal.
18. Before concluding, please allow me to look further ahead.

19. Over the next two years, ICAO will continue working with all States and stakeholders as we lead up to the Fourth Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels in 2028.
20. Your contributions at this ICAO Aviation Climate Week, and your participation in our 2027 and 2028 editions will support those crucial discussions.
21. Tomorrow is World Environment Day. The theme will be “Now for Climate.” This week, you anticipated that call, and you answered it.
22. Through your determination and collaboration, you have shown the world that aviation is already taking bold, urgent steps for the climate. Your success here will open new opportunities for us all.
23. Thanks to you, aviation has demonstrated the environmental leadership and innovation that other industries look to for inspiration.
24. I urge you to build on this momentum, ensuring we secure a vibrant future for air transport and for the generations who are counting on us.
25. Thank you.