



**Message by
the Council President of the
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO),
Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano
on the occasion of the International Civil Aviation Day**

(Pre-recorded message, 7 December 2022)

Every year on 7 December, the global community celebrates International Civil Aviation Day.

This year, we celebrate International Civil Aviation Day with a heightened sense of hope, and great confidence for the future, the theme being **Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development**.

But at the same time, the waning pandemic has reinforced our collective awareness of the fragility of our global village, and of aviation's critical role in keeping it connected when humanity needs it most.

The States participating at this year's 41st ICAO Assembly have accordingly adopted important decisions supporting the future safety, security, and sustainability of air transport, including a key global agreement to achieve its total decarbonization by 2050.

The ICAO Council's theme for International Civil Aviation Day therefore focuses public and private sector leaders on the key role that innovation is playing in realizing this crucial new vision for 21st century air transport, and as a UN agency we will continue to support and accelerate the critical technological progress now required to assure that aviation can continue to play its part for our world and its many societies.

— END —