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Emissions from fuel used for international aviation and maritime transport

Thank you, Chair.

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) welcomes the focus on turning global climate ambition into accelerated implementation at COP31, which is also a focus of the international aviation sector.

ICAO, its Member States and the industry are advancing the implementation of the ICAO Global Framework for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels and other Aviation Cleaner Energies, as well as the sector's long-term global aspirational goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Progress is being made. Today, more than 100 SAF-related policies have been adopted or are under development by States. ICAO is tracking almost 600 announced SAF facilities worldwide.

Through the ICAO ACT-SAF programme, over 280 partners are working together to support feasibility studies, capacity-building and investment readiness across all regions.

As the ICAO Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) enters its second phase in 2027, it will require continued commitment, increased production of CORSIA Eligible Fuels, greater availability of CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units, and the timely issuance of host country authorizations to ensure these units can be accessed by aeroplane operators.

Implementation requires financing. The transition to aviation cleaner energies requires cumulative investments of approximately 3.2 trillion USD by 2050.

Bridging this financing gap is a significant challenge facing aviation decarbonization.

Hence, ICAO is continuing to expand the ICAO Finvest Hub, which now includes more than 50 projects across 30 States, with approximately USD 17 billion in investment requests.

Climate finance discussions are receiving increased attention across different forums. However, it is important that these financing discussions support, rather than undermine aviation's decarbonization efforts and projects to support the implementation of ICAO's globally agreed framework.

ICAO remains committed to working collaboratively to accelerate implementation, strengthen cooperation and support the transition to a more sustainable aviation sector.

Thank you.