



## **ASSEMBLY — 40TH SESSION**

### **PLENARY**

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

#### **STATEMENT BY NEW ZEALAND**

(Presented by New Zealand)

President of the ICAO Council,  
President of the Assembly,  
Distinguished Delegates

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 On behalf of the New Zealand Government, I would like to thank the President of the Council for allowing me the opportunity to speak at the 40th International Civil Aviation Organization General Assembly.

1.2 The Assembly enables members of the international aviation community to review and deliberate technical aviation standards to ensure we continue to have the best standards in place to address the important and ever evolving aviation issues the global community faces. This includes issues in aviation safety, air navigation, aviation security, economic development and environmental and health protection. The Assembly also enables relevant authorities to learn about the latest developments in the global civil aviation sector. As the global body to which the whole aviation community looks for the guidance and leadership to achieve the highest levels of safety and security, ICAO has an invaluable role to play as a key enabler of global connectivity. The confidence the travelling public has in aviation and the orderly manner in which air transport has developed over the decades are a tribute to ICAO's ongoing efforts.

1.3 New Zealand supports the substantive participation of all active members of the international aviation community in ICAO forums. The participation and attendance of all countries and territories involved in regional and global aviation at the Assembly and more generally is imperative for international aviation safety and the safety of all people that participate in international air travel. All relevant authorities should be provided the opportunity to contribute to the safety of the global civil aviation community, which benefits everyone involved.

1.4 It is also important that all relevant authorities that participate in the international aviation community have access to real-time information of safety concern. Air transport is vulnerable to sudden

and dramatic developments. Where these have adverse consequences for users of the aviation system, it is vital that information is made readily and widely available. This can avoid similar instances from occurring, with a very real saving in human and economic harm. Countries and territories should not be denied timely access to such vital information, nor denied the opportunity to input their own insights and experiences where these can be of value to all.

## 2. **CONCLUSION**

2.1 Thank you for this opportunity to emphasise the importance New Zealand places on global aviation cooperation.

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