



**Closing Remarks by the Secretary General
of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
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to the ICAO Seminar on the
Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation**

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Good afternoon everyone, and congratulations on the successful completion of this latest ICAO Seminar on CORSIA. I am sure you will be leaving here today with valuable information that will assist you in implementing CORSIA in your State, but before you do, I would like to provide a few reflections on the discussions we've undertaken during the past two days.

Since the opening of this Seminar, you have been hearing about the actions required from States and airlines in order to implement CORSIA. In this regard we should recall that the aviation sector has always progressed on the basis of consensus and collaboration among its many international stakeholders, and that implementing CORSIA will be no different. This underscores why it is more important than ever to ensure that all ICAO States have a solid understanding of the CORSIA requirements, including the capacities and means to implement all related activities.

As you have heard from the ICAO Secretariat, and this Seminar's panelists, there is an outstanding need to enhance our capacity building efforts as quickly as possible, and with due attention to global harmonization. Yesterday afternoon, ICAO launched its ACT-CORSIA Programme, a global capacity-building initiative which will rely greatly on the fostering of new partnerships and collaboration.

It is important for all of you here to recall that the ACT CORSIA objectives cannot be achieved solely by the ICAO Secretariat. States and industry must commit to it together in order to ensure that the CORSIA goals and objectives are met. ICAO is deeply grateful to all of our Member States which have already committed to providing CORSIA assistance, and we look forward to more coming forward in the weeks and months ahead.

To ensure the global harmonization needed in this capacity building, ICAO is currently planning a 'Train the Trainer' session for to be held at a to-be-determined date this autumn in

Montreal. I strongly encourage donor States to nominate experts who can benefit from this training and become new CORSIA trainers as soon as possible. I also encourage States to assign the necessary resources which will enable these experts to conduct their work in accordance with the plan developed by the ICAO Secretariat.

I would lastly encourage States in a position to do so to provide resources for the completion of other areas of work under the ACT-CORSIA Programme. Over the coming months, several new activities will be unveiled requiring your in-kind or financial assistance, which is always greatly appreciated.

It is now my pleasure to officially close this CORSIA Seminar, and to thank you one last time for your commitments and participation and wish you all safe travels home.

Thank you.