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Mr. Raymond Benjamin
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Dear Mr. Benjamin,

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Resolution 17/2 of the 38th Session of the Assembly: Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to environmental protection – Climate change, I have the honor to forward to you attached the statement of reservations by the Chinese Delegation for the 38th Assembly for your reference and being officially recorded in the report of the above-mentioned Assembly.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest esteem.

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Statement of Reservation of China regarding Resolution 17/2 of the 38th Session of the Assembly: Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies and Practices Related to Environmental Protection — Climate Change

Distinguished President, Delegates,

During this session of the Assembly, under the guidance of the President, all parties present have made their best efforts and reached a fairly balanced and positive outcome on international aviation and climate change, and have demonstrated to the international community the sincerity and vigorous efforts by civil aviation in addressing climate change. ICAO has demonstrated its leadership role in dealing with the issue of international aviation and climate change.

In the past few days, the Chinese Delegation, in the spirit of consultation and cooperation, and with a positive and constructive attitude, has been involved in consultations with the parties concerned, in an effort to facilitate the development by the Assembly of a balanced resolution text not only reflecting the key concerns of the developing countries, but also accommodating the concerns of all the parties. In order to make the text of the President reflect the key concerns of the developing countries in a balanced manner, twelve States, including China, have presented papers proposing amendments to paragraphs on market-based measures (MBMs), the global MBM scheme, the goal of carbon neutral growth from 2020, and guiding principles in the Annex, and have helped the Executive Committee and the Assembly adopt the Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies and Practices related to Environmental Protection — Climate Change.

As the theme of this session of the Assembly is “Uniting Aviation”, the Chinese Delegation would hereby call upon all the members in the ICAO family to take a forward-looking approach, cherish and keep the tradition of consensus in dealing with matters of this Organization in the spirit of unity.

With regard to paragraph 7 of Resolution 17/2, the Chinese Delegation is of the view that since international aviation of developing countries is still at the stage of development, the adoption of the goal of carbon-neutral growth from 2020 without differentiated responsibilities will impede the future development of international aviation of developing countries. The Chinese Delegation would like to reiterate that we support the establishment of goals for reducing emissions from international aviation. However, it must be specified that the developed countries should take the lead in taking reduction measures in order to offset the growth of emissions from international aviation of developing countries.

Therefore, the Chinese Delegation hereby puts forward its official reservation to operating clause 7 of Resolution 17/2: Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies and Practices related to Environmental Protection — Climate change, and requests that this Statement be officially incorporated into the report of the 38th Session of ICAO Assembly.

Thank you, Mr. President.

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