

Opening Statement:
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Points to Address

- Distinguish Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen !
- I am delighted to give a short opening address for the second ICAO-ATRS Air Transport Symposium in the presence of truly distinguished speakers, experts and moderators
- Our first joint symposium was held in April, 2012
- I would like to thank especially to speakers and moderators who came to this event despite very busy schedule.
- In the next two days, we will be discussing a number of important and some critical issues facing air transportation sector of the world today and for the future

- The International communities expect us to find the ways for sustainable development of air transport, which is the topic for the very first Session today
- Other issues to be treated here include:
 - (a) Liberalization of International air transport regulations
 - (b) Lifting barriers to air transport growth
 - (c) Meeting Consumer Expectations
 - (d) Creating efficient air cargo system
 - (e) Financing infrastructure
 - (f) Looking into the taxes, levies by government agencies, airlines and other organizations

- We hope to accomplish a significant progress on understanding these complex issues, and hope to make significant progress towards finding the directions toward which we can move in the future.
- Generating consensus towards achieving our goals on some issues’
- Crystalizing points of contentions requiring further discussions in the future via various forums including ICAO processes.

Thank You

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