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### FIRST WORKSHOP ON ACTION PLANS TO REDUCE CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS FROM AVIATION UNDERWAY

**MONTREAL, 2 May 2011** – The first in a series of regional training workshops to assist ICAO Member States in producing national action plans for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from international civil aviation opened today in Mexico City, Mexico. It runs through Wednesday.

“ICAO environmental action plans will help States identify the most appropriate measures to reduce emissions from international aviation. They will also allow ICAO to monitor progress by States in achieving global aspirational goals and help address specific needs through more targeted technical and financial assistance,” said the Organization’s Council President Roberto Kobeh González in his opening address.

The plans, to be submitted to ICAO by June 2012, result from an agreement reached at the 37th Session of the ICAO Assembly last fall which made international aviation the first sector with global aspirational goals of stabilizing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at 2020 levels and achieving a 2 per cent annual increase in fuel efficiency up to 2050.

The Organization has prepared a comprehensive programme to assist States in developing their action plans, which includes guidance material, a web-based template for the submission of action plans, and workshops to provide information and training in the preparation of action plans.

“The workshops provide an opportunity for the exchange of views and experiences in order to help States formulate policies and measures that are in line with differing realities,” commented Ambassador Juan Manuel Gómez Robledo, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights.

“ICAO is without a doubt an organization at the forefront of the global fight for the reduction of international aviation emissions. This was demonstrated when it proposed at its 37th Assembly the creation of a global plan of action on climate change based on national plans,” added Felipe Duarte Olvera, Undersecretary of Transport.

Hosted by the government of Mexico, the workshop is attended by representatives from North, Central and South America and the Caribbean States nominated by their governments to act as focal points in the development of their respective State action plans. Other stakeholders such as regional civil aviation organizations, the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Air Transport Association, Airports Council International and the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation are also contributing to the workshop.

Regional workshops are planned later this year for Bangkok (25 to 27 May), Dubai (14 to 16 June), Nairobi (4 to 6 July) and Paris (11 to 13 July). These intense efforts will make it possible for all ICAO regions to receive the initial information necessary to launch the preparation of their action plans by midyear.

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 190 Contracting States.