



Statement of support for Montréal youth Climate Strike

For immediate release

Montréal 26 September 2019 – The leadership and staff of Montreal-based ICAO, the UN International Civil Aviation Organization, express their enthusiasm and support for the youth Climate Strike march being led here tomorrow by Swedish climate change advocate, Greta Thunberg.

In the face of the scientific consensus on climate change, it's important to recognize that everyone has the right and responsibility to reduce their personal carbon footprint.

International flights presently account for 1.3% of annual greenhouse gas emissions produced through human activities. Although aircraft today are 80% more fuel efficient, and fuel consumption per passenger is comparable to a mid-size vehicle, more action and faster innovation are now required to address aviation's near- and long-term impacts.

ICAO joins world youth everywhere in working to help governments to appreciate the urgency for action towards a sustainable future.



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About ICAO

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created by States in 1944 to promote the safe and sustainable development of international civil aviation throughout the world. ICAO helps the governments of its 193 member States to set standards for aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, amongst many other priorities. The Organization serves as the forum for governmental cooperation in all fields of civil aviation, and helps achieve consensus through broad consultation with industry operators, civil society, labour, and other intergovernmental bodies.

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