



ICAO welcomes new net-zero 2050 air industry commitment

For immediate release

Montréal, 5 October 2021 – ICAO’s Council President and Secretary General have welcomed the timely and ambitious target adopted by the international air industry today to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

In a declaration released today by the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), the air industry sector committed that “global civil aviation operations will achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, supported by accelerated efficiency measures, energy transition and innovation across the aviation sector and in partnership with Governments around the world.”

“The latest IPCC reports are unequivocal about the threats now posed to humanity by climate change, and I’m sure that all ICAO Member States join me today in welcoming this latest and very ambitious net-zero 2050 target adopted by the air transport industry so that our global sector will continue to do its part,” commented ICAO Council President Salvatore Sciacchitano.

The President’s sentiments were echoed by ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar, who stressed ICAO’s congratulations to the airline and airport operators, aircraft manufacturers, air navigation service providers, and many other industry stakeholders involved in adopting this critical and ambitious long-term climate goal.

The air industry net-zero 2050 announcement comes just days after the very strong statement on behalf of G7 transport and health ministers to work with greater determination together to promote the safe and sustainable reopening of international travel.



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About the CART

The [ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Task Force \(CART\)](#) was established in March 2020 to provide practical, aligned guidance to world governments and aviation industry operators in order to restart the international air transport sector and recover from COVID-19 on a coordinated, global basis.

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