



**Closing remarks by the
Secretary General of ICAO,
Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar,
to the Programme for Directors General of Civil Aviation
on compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices,
Aviation Resilience, and Technical Cooperation Activities**

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1. I wish to reiterate, on behalf of ICAO and everyone who has taken part in this programme this week, our heartfelt gratitude to our Dominican Republic colleagues at IDAC for the excellent facilities we've been provided with, the unforgettable activities arranged for both delegates' and their companions, and most of all for the excellent attention and courtesy which has been demonstrated to each and everyone of us.
2. We all now have direct firsthand experience of Dominican hospitality, and I think I speak for all of us in saying that we have really felt at home during this very productive and educational event.
3. I would also like to thank again Mr. Han Kok Juan, Director-General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, for his support in developing and delivering this new DGCA Programme on Aviation Resilience, and our ICAO colleagues from the HQ and Regional Offices who also contributed to this week's sessions.
4. Together they helped to realize an outstanding programme for your States, and one which has also served as an important preamble to the follow-up meetings and discussions we will be having during ICAO's upcoming 41st Assembly in Montréal.
5. I was pleased to witness during this event the signing of several agreements between training organizations, which will undoubtedly enhance harmonization, collaboration and innovation of training to further support compliance of existing and new Standards and Recommended Practices.

6. Many of these training organizations are part of the ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Programme, which will continue to provide a key platform for training organizations from this Region, and across the world, to come together to develop the required competencies for the current and next generation of aviation professionals.
7. As you may be aware, ICAO's training activities are implemented through the Technical Cooperation Bureau which acts as the Organization's implementation support pillar.
8. TCB, in coordination with Regional Offices and technical bureaus, is continuously developing new implementation support products and services for States which are needs-based and results-oriented, to support your capacity building activities.
9. I invite you to contact TCB to explore opportunities to work with ICAO on your short and longer term aviation projects.
10. Before concluding today, I'd also like to encourage your States to take advantage of the ICAO ACT-SAF programme for sustainable aviation fuels, which provides tailored support to help States develop their full potential in SAF development and deployment.
11. I would also wish to appreciate once again the many participants who have helped to enrich this programme with their energy, insights, and enthusiasm.
12. ICAO is deeply grateful for your commitment and participation here, and I look forward to meeting you all again in Montréal in a few weeks' time.
13. Saludos, and safe travels to all.