



SAFE SKIES.  
SUSTAINABLE FUTURE.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE ICAO COUNCIL  
ON 5 DECEMBER 2024 ON THE OCCASION OF THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
SIGNING OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION**

*Acknowledging* that 7 December 2024 marks the Eightieth Anniversary of the signing in Chicago of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention)*;

*Convinced* that the fundamental aims, objectives and principles of the Chicago Convention remain as relevant today as when they were conceived eighty years ago;

*Recognizing* that the growth of civil aviation has been made possible through the unwavering commitment and cooperation of the international community in adhering to the principle set out in the Preamble to the Chicago Convention that international civil aviation can greatly help to create and preserve friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world;

*Determined* to work to ensure that the development of safe, secure, sustainable and accessible international civil aviation will continue to promote global peace and security, social integration, economic prosperity and sustainable development for future generations;

*Considering* that the rapid acceleration in the growth of the aviation sector and the exponential increase in the number of passengers, as well as in the volume of cargo are expected to pose challenges for the sector, and that ICAO, in collaboration with its partners, must set ambitious goals to deliver on the promise of Safe Skies: Sustainable Future;

*Affirming* that through its normative work, oversight, and capacity development, and as illustrated by the successful implementation of the *No Country Left Behind (NCLB)* initiative supporting the development of air transport, ICAO facilitates international civil aviation that is safe, secure, efficient, economically sound and viable, socially and environmentally sustainable, and focussed on the passenger;

*Recognizing* the significant contributions that ICAO has made and must continue to make to global efforts to address the adverse environmental impacts that are related to civil aviation activity and combat climate change;

*Affirming* that ICAO will continue to play an essential role as a global forum for fostering consensus and multilateral cooperation among Member States and the international civil aviation community, while upholding the rules-based system on which the Organization was founded, in order to ensure that the international civil aviation legal framework remains responsive to emerging challenges and opportunities;

*The Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)*, on the occasion of this 80th Anniversary of the signing of the Chicago Convention:

1. *Pays tribute* to the leadership, vision and cooperative spirit of the signatories to the Chicago Convention and to all those who contribute to the development of international civil aviation;
2. *Reiterates* the need for ICAO to continue to take a leadership role in the development and support for the principles, standards, and agreements for the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation;

3. *Welcomes* efforts to strengthen the Organization’s ability to respond in an effective and equitable manner to the challenges facing international civil aviation, while pursuing ambitious, long-term goals, as stated in the ICAO Strategic Plan 2026–2050, aimed at supporting a safer, more secure, accessible, economically sound and viable, efficient, affordable and environmentally sustainable international civil aviation system, on the basis of equal opportunity and amidst ever-increasing global demand;
4. *Pledges* to continue to work together with Member States and the global civil aviation community in order to build partnerships and promote best practices that foster a more resilient, inclusive and diverse aviation sector, while ensuring that international civil aviation will continue to contribute to the achievement of the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
5. *Encourages* all Member States and stakeholders to accelerate progress towards an environmentally sustainable, low-emissions, and energy efficient civil aviation sector, including the long-term aspirational goal (LTAG) to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, as well as through the Global Framework for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other aviation cleaner energies;
6. *Urges* Member States, the industry, international organizations, financial institutions, donors, and other stakeholders to coordinate and cooperate amongst themselves and through ICAO, to support the implementation of assistance activities to States in need, in line with established global and regional priorities, while emphasizing the importance of long-term strategies, stakeholder partnerships and multilateral mechanisms to support these efforts, consistent with ICAO Assembly Resolutions;
7. *Recognizes* the important role of women in the aviation sector and commits to promoting their engagement at all levels as part of an inclusive and equitable approach that fosters diversity in decision-making and management of the sector;
8. *Recognizes* the important role that innovation will play in the future of aviation and commits to employing and developing all available measures, as well as promoting the participation of new entrants in the sector to maximise its potential in strengthening aviation safety, efficiency, security, facilitation, affordability, and economic and environmental sustainability for the benefit of future generations;
9. *Calls upon* all ICAO Member States to continue to promote and adhere to the objectives and principles of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* and comply fully with its provisions; and
10. *Requests* the Secretary General to bring this resolution to the attention of all Member States, the partner organizations of the United Nations system and all other relevant stakeholders.

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