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## **BUSINESS AVIATION HAILS HISTORIC GLOBAL AGREEMENT ON CO<sub>2</sub> STANDARD FOR AIRCRAFT**

**Montreal, Canada 8 February 2015** – The operators and manufacturers of business jets represented by the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC) and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) today hailed the agreement reached at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on the first-ever standard to limit the emission of CO<sub>2</sub> from aircraft. Following six years of technical work, governments, industry, and civil society stakeholders meeting under ICAO's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) agreed to recommend the new standard for approval by the ICAO Council later this year.

Under the CAEP recommendation, the new CO<sub>2</sub> emissions standard would not only be applicable to new aircraft type designs as of 2020 but also to new deliveries of current in-production aircraft types from 2023. In its current form, the standard acknowledges that CO<sub>2</sub> reductions are achieved through a range of possible technology innovations, whether structural, aerodynamic, or propulsion-based. IBAC and GAMA ensured that business aviation interests were fully taken into account with experts drawn from the manufacturing community.

The CO<sub>2</sub> standard recommended by CAEP does not apply to small aircraft with a maximum take-off mass (MTOM) below 5.7 metric tons or to propeller-driven aircraft below 8.7 MT MTOM. The standard must now be approved by the ICAO Council and the ICAO General Assembly later this year and can then be implemented by national governments. The standard is one of the key pillars of the aviation sector to mitigate its carbon emissions.

The standard will be reviewed periodically to increase its stringency in line with technology advancement. ICAO has a long track record of implementing similar standards in areas such as noise, safety, security and agreements on air navigation.

IBAC Director General Kurt Edwards stated, "The CO<sub>2</sub> standard is a significant step representing the commitment of manufacturers and operators of business aircraft to mitigating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. We welcome the results of the hard work by industry and government experts at ICAO, which are part of a wider range of efforts to reduce aviation's contribution to climate change."

"This landmark environmental measure reinforces the industry's strong record of bringing to market technology that improves aviation's efficiency, and is an important part of our industry's commitment to address climate change," GAMA President and CEO Pete Bunce said. "We owe a debt of gratitude to the technical experts from our



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manufacturers, our partners at IBAC, and the rest of the aviation industry with whom we have worked tirelessly at ICAO since 2010 to achieve this great result. Just as important, the new standard will allow aviation to continue to grow in a sustainable manner.”

IBAC and GAMA also collaborated at ICAO with other aviation industry stakeholders through the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG).

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