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ICAO Reaches Important Agreement on Carbon Emissions

Montreal, 4 October 2013 – Meeting at the 38th Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the world's international aviation community took an important decision to develop a global market-based measure (MBM) for aviation to combat carbon emissions. The International Business Aviation Council (IBAC), as part of a broader industry coalition, supports the decision and welcomes key characteristics that will take into account the needs of business aviation operators.

"ICAO's decision to develop a global MBM represents a constructive route away from a patchwork quilt of national and regional MBMs. It is a path to greater predictability and harmonization for business operators. IBAC and the business aviation community will continue to contribute to ICAO's important work going forward," said Kurt Edwards, Director General.

The Assembly instructed the ICAO Council and governments to work on developing a global MBM for consideration and decision at the next Assembly in 2016. If adopted, the scheme would be implemented from 2020.

The future work incorporates key points of interest for business aviation operators, for which IBAC advocated strongly. An important component of the work toward a global scheme will focus on ensuring low administrative burden for small operators. The work will also explore exemptions from MBMs for small operators.

In the same resolution, the Assembly called on all governments to accelerate technology development, infrastructure modernization, and more efficient operational procedures. Action in these areas provides the most promise for achieving long-term carbon emissions reductions in aviation, in particular the development and deployment of sustainable alternative fuels.

With regard to existing and new MBMs to be implemented before 2020, the Assembly declared that governments should undertake bilateral or multilateral negotiations to reach agreement to apply a measure to foreign operators.

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