

Joint Declaration

Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Paraguay, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, the United States of America and the United Arab Emirates;

Recognizing the essential role aviation plays in economic progress and market access for the world economy and its citizens;

Recognizing the importance of sustainable development;

Recalling the relevant provisions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

Stressing the importance of the Kyoto Protocol to its Parties;

Recalling the importance of Chicago Convention and need for ensuring full compliance with its provisions;

Affirming the importance of the role the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in addressing aviation emissions, including pursuant to the request from the Parties to the UNFCCC;

Recognizing that international aviation's growth makes it necessary to address the long-term growth of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions that contribute to global climate change;

Noting that the overall increase in civil aircraft fuel efficiency of approximately 70% over the last 40 years has significantly reduced aviation greenhouse gas emissions;

Stressing that complementary national, regional, and global endeavors developed on the basis of collaboration and mutual agreement will enhance our capacity to address aviation emissions effectively;

Determining that emphasis should be placed on measures that will reduce aviation emissions while at the same time avoiding adverse impacts on air transport;

Desiring to provide strong leadership and to build upon the significant steps and the positive foundation established by the international community through ICAO's efforts;

1. Call on ICAO to continue to undertake efforts to reduce aviation's contribution to climate change;
2. Intend to collaborate in support of operational changes and improvements to air traffic management and airport systems, which will tend to reduce emissions of the aviation sector;

3. Intend to accelerate the development and implementation of low-carbon aircraft technologies and sustainable alternative fuels, and sharing of best practice;
4. Support ICAO efforts to develop a meaningful aircraft CO₂ standard aiming for 2013;
5. Oppose the EU's plan to include all flights by non-EU carriers to/ from an airport in the territory of an EU Member State in its emissions trading system (EU Directive 2008/10/101/EC), which is inconsistent with applicable international law;
6. Urge the EU and its Member States to refrain from including flights by non-EU carriers to/ from an airport in the territory of an EU Member State in its emissions trading system;
7. Urge the EU and its Member States to work collaboratively with the rest of the international community to address aviation emissions;
8. Intend to continue to work together to oppose the imposition of the EU ETS on our operators;
9. Invite any other State to associate itself with this declaration.

Adopted at New Delhi on 30th September, 2011.