

## Minister's PRE-RECORDED High-Level-Statement for ICAO CAAF/3 of Austria

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Distinguished President of the ICAO Council, Secretary General of ICAO, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a great honour and privilege for me to address the "Third ICAO Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels" and to send virtually my sincere greetings and best wishes for a successful conference!

Climate and Environmental protection, the biggest task of our century, remains a defining issue also for future-oriented aviation.

At the last year's ICAO Assembly, TOGETHER, we reached a historic agreement for international aviation - we adopted **a long-term global aspirational goal of net-zero CO2 emissions for international aviation by 2050.**

The aviation energy transition and decarbonisation of international aviation needs to be guided by these ambitions in support of the Paris Agreement.

Sustainable Aviation Fuels will have a crucial role for the decarbonisation of aviation. This ICAO conference gives us the opportunity to take important and ambitious steps forward.

An **updated ICAO 2050 Vision** and an agreement by CAAF/3 on a **global quantified objective for 2050**, underpinned by a **trajectory**, will be a **clear signal through ICAO** on the commitment of States and the international aviation community towards the achievement of the LTAG.

Within the comprehensive **global framework**, next to policy and planning and a regulatory framework, **implementation support and capacity-building** are important elements.

We are only a few days ahead of the **COP28 Climate Conference**. As Minister for Climate Action, in Austria, I strongly advocate for a strong and ambitious outcome of our CAAF/3 conference. The aviation sector must demonstrate its commitment to contribute to the Paris goals!

It is now up to us to join forces to take leadership again to further shape a sustainable future of aviation and to send a clear signal to aviation stakeholders and financial institutions.

I am confident that during this conference TOGETHER we can take the necessary steps towards **net-zero CO2 emissions from international aviation by 2050.**