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President of the ICAO Council,

Secretary General,

Minister Koya,

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure and honour for me to have this opportunity to address ICAO's third Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels today. I regret very much that I am not able to do so in person. But I am all the happier that I can use this format to present to you some of Germany's key positions.

As an economy that is closely interconnected and highly integrated in global trade, Germany has a vital interest in a functioning international civil aviation sector. And of course, it is our objective to make aviation future-proof as an efficient and sustainable mode of transport.

Climate change is indeed one of the most important political, social and economic challenge of our time. For ICAO and all its Member States, this means that we have to improve aviation's climate compatibility. This is the pre-condition for further growth and for meeting the sector's future mobility needs. That is why we actively supported last year's decision on the Long-Term Aspirational Goal of net-zero CO₂ emissions by 2050.

The LTAG is the basis on which we must now continue our work with concrete measures in the area of Sustainable Aviation Fuels, SAF, and, in

particular, synthetic fuels. We urgently need to put SAF on the market, close the price gap in relation to conventional fuels, promote the market uptake and attract the necessary investments.

Germany is already supporting the uptake of SAF and especially synthetic fuels: We provide support and funding for their production and market ramp-up. And in addition, we incentivize the demand side by adopting regulations governing their use, also within the European Union.

But we also need a global framework to ensure the greatest possible effect, while avoiding both carbon leakage and distortions of competition. It is now our common task to develop a global and collective aspirational quantified objective for 2050 and an underlying trajectory to monitor the effect of our work.

We believe in ICAO's ability to find solutions that take all interests into account so that no country will be left behind – while at the same time developing regulations to scale up the development, production and deployment of SAF. Together with our partners, including in Europe and within the International Aviation Climate Ambition Coalition, we support an ambitious, quantified and global framework for SAF, in line with the ICAO LTAG.

This meeting has to send a clear signal that the ICAO States and the entire aviation community are willing and able to establish such a framework.

The German delegation stands ready to support the discussions in a spirit of open consultation with all Member States.

I thank you for your kind attention.