

Video message by Mark Harbers, Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management, for the Third ICAO Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3), Dubai

**Your Excellencies, ICAO council members, colleagues, good morning.**

**First of all, I'd like to thank the United Arab Emirates government for hosting this conference.**

**I'd also like to say that I'm sorry I can't join you in person.**

**We know this conference is all about ensuring a sustainable future for aviation.**

**And we also know how important it is to reach agreement on an ambitious global framework for sustainable aviation fuels.**

**And we know that we will need to create parameters for international aviation that will contribute to the Paris climate goals.**

**Parameters that will, at the same time, help maintain aviation's important role in connecting the people of the world.**

**Just over a year ago, the forty-first ICAO Assembly was nothing less than a turning point in the history of international aviation. Not only did we decide on a long-term aspirational goal of net-zero emissions by 2050,**

**but we also felt a joint sense of responsibility for that fundamental decision.**

**Now it's time for us to deliver.**

**We must reach agreement on an ambitious framework for the use of sustainable aviation fuels around the globe.**

**An agreement that will keep us on the right track.**

**And one that will send a clear signal to the international community.**

**But also to investors, to industry and to governments.**

**An agreement that will bring new opportunities, mobilise financial resources, and open up new markets.**

**Of course, global action and collaboration are key.**

**No country can be left behind.**

**By bringing together knowledge and expertise, ICAO can act as a matchmaker and play a pivotal supporting role in these efforts.**

**So this week, let's bring together all of the innovative and creative thinking that the aviation industry has always been known for.**

**Let's come to an agreement on an ambitious framework.**

**I wish you all every success, and I look forward to an outstanding outcome!**

**Thank you.**