

**THIRD CONFERENCE ON AVIATION AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS
(CAAF/3)**

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STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Honorable Mr. President, Esteemed Secretary General, Distinguished Delegates,

First of all, on behalf of the Korean government I would like to pay tribute to your commitments in carbon emissions reduction in aviation. Also, I extend my profound appreciation to the ICAO secretariat for hosting this meeting.

Last July marked the hottest summer on record since global temperature measurements began. With Earth in era of “global boiling,” extreme weather events such as prolonged heatwaves, heavy rainfall and typhoons have become increasingly common. As the window of opportunity is rapidly closing, we are called upon to urgently deliver on our common promises. To combat climate crisis, the international community should stand and unite together. And in the aviation sector, ICAO should be at the heart of efforts.

Last year, ICAO reached a historical resolution for LTAG 2050 net-zero which demands all-out efforts of every single Member State. Most of all, we should acknowledge the significance of SAF, LCAF and other aviation cleaner energies as a key element for carbon reduction, and strive to boost production and deployment of clean aviation fuels.

As a responsible member of the international community, the Korean government established “Low Carbon, Green Growth Strategy” to achieve a vision of carbon neutrality by 2050 with the interim target of a 40% emissions reduction (compared to 2018 levels) by 2030.

The Republic of Korea is supportive of the adoption of ICAO's Global Framework and quantified objective for SAF, LCAF and other cleaner energies, and plans to develop the mid-to-long-term SAF use target to achieve 2050 net-zero.

In addition, we established "Biofuel Alliance" with industrial stakeholders to support SAF production of refining businesses and to facilitate SAF use of airlines.

Since September 2023, Incheon International Airport has implemented trial operations using SAF for the first time in Korea, emphasizing the necessity for SAF use. We anticipate these efforts will expand, leading to the first commercialization of SAF in Korea by 2024.

The Republic of Korea hopes this CAAF/3 serve as an opportunity for ICAO to present its firm leadership and bold ambitions in carbon reduction to the international community.

I would like to once again express my respect and gratitude to ICAO and all Member States for your unwavering efforts in addressing climate change, and sincerely wish CAAF/3 a success.

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