

Statement of the United States on CAAF/3

The United States thanks the United Arab Emirates for hosting this important event, and the many delegations for their attendance.

CAAF/3 is an important opportunity for the global aviation sector. It is an opportunity for States to guide aviation towards a net-zero carbon future. It is an opportunity to put the international aviation sector on a more sustainable long-term footing. It is an opportunity to make sure that the sustainable future is truly global, rather than confined to a few regions. It is an opportunity for the governments of the world to provide a clear policy signal to investors that will help to catalyze private sector investment in the technologies we need to scale.

To take full advantage of this opportunity, we must build on our past successes. About a year ago, States came together to achieve two historic Assembly Resolutions: a long-term aspirational goal, and a renewed commitment to the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA). States made significant compromises to achieve those delicately-balanced Resolutions. CAAF/3 provides an opportunity to build on them.

Consistent with what we heard from a strong majority of States in the pre-CAAF/3 meeting a few months ago, the United States supports a quantified goal as part of this conference's outcome. We believe that a quantified goal will send an important signal of political support for sustainable alternative fuels that will unlock private sector investment around the world. To that purpose, while remaining interested in and open to dialogue with States that hold different perspectives, we believe that a signal is most effective at encouraging investment decisions if it:

- Is bold, but not so bold as to lack credibility;
- Is in the near, rather than the far, future;
- Uses a metric that is easily understood to non-aviation experts; and
- Is supported by a broad, rather than a narrow, majority of States.

We also support, as part of the CAAF/3 outcome, initiatives to ensure that the sustainable future is global, and that all States will have the opportunity to participate in the development of sustainable alternative fuels. We believe that initiatives such as the Finvest Hub, which seeks to provide access to financing, are an important part of any CAAF/3 outcome. Further, we believe that the Conference should encourage States to undertake smart, well-tailored programs to provide technical assistance and capacity building on a bilateral basis. We proudly note that the United States Federal Aviation Administration has done just that through a project focused on developing

global supply chains for sustainable aviation fuel in countries in southeast Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and sub-Saharan Africa. We will continue to look for other opportunities to support countries around the world through technical assistance and capacity building.

In closing, we would like to re-emphasize the importance of sustainable alternative fuels in decarbonizing aviation as an essential element of the basket of measures. Most credible analyses of pathways to net zero for the aviation sector, including the analysis by ICAO's Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection, indicate that alternative fuels will need to contribute more than 50% of emissions reductions if the sector is to achieve the long-term aspirational goal established by the Assembly. This institution has already committed to net zero by 2050 - now we need to take advantage of this opportunity to deliver on it.

Thank you, and we look forward to working with all of the delegations here.