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Brazil's Statement regarding the adoption of the <u>Doha Declaration on</u> <u>Facilitation of Air Transport</u>

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great honor that I represent Brazil as the President of the National Civil Aviation Agency at this remarkable High-Level Ministerial Segment, following the Facilitation Conference organized by ICAO.

ICAO and Qatar deserves our highest commendations for organizing the Facilitation Conference and this high-level ministerial segment.

Following last year, recognized as —the *Year of Facilitation*—, in which important achieved milestones highlighted the critical importance of Facilitation in international aviation, this year underscored our collective commitment to enhancing the seamless movement of passengers and goods while upholding safety, security, and efficiency.

To achieve this, it is essential that we continue working collaboratively with other agencies and stakeholders, ensuring that regulatory measures support rather than hinder facilitation, striking the right balance between security and efficiency in global air transport.

In this context, strengthening regional integration ensures coordinated efforts among national and international stakeholders.

A collaborative approach is essential to align national programs with regional and global standards, fostering efficiency and interoperability in key areas such as travel documents, border control, cargo processes, and passenger experience.

We cannot forget that the pandemic shows the need for more efficient and harmonized processes, events like this are essential to keeping the focus and energy on this vital issue.

The challenges posed by the pandemic have taught us invaluable lessons about the need for resilience and adaptability in our facilitation measures.

As we come together today, we ensure that the advancements made during these challenging times are, not only preserved but also, built upon for a more robust future.

I would like to congratulate all the States present here. Your participation reflects a strong commitment to Facilitation, a topic that is of utmost importance for the efficiency and seamless movement in global air transport.

The collective efforts of our nations are a testament to our shared dedication to improving the passenger experience and ensuring that our aviation systems are prepared to meet future challenges. By working together, we can create a more interconnected and efficient global aviation network.

Brazil is also deeply committed to Facilitation. We are constantly working to improve our regulations and procedures to achieve a satisfactory level of compliance with Annex 9. This annex serves as a fundamental standard for the actions of all States, fostering greater uniformity and, consequently, more seamless movement for passengers, crews, cargo, and aircrafts.

Uniformity in processes eases predictability and enhances confidence in the air transport sector.

Our ongoing efforts also include the implementation of advanced technologies and best practices to streamline operations and enhance the overall efficiency of our aviation system.

Brazil fully supports the Doha Ministerial Declaration.

As stated in the document, humanitarian response in major crises heavily relies on swift aid and relief by air. The ability to mobilize quickly and efficiently in times of crisis is a critical component of our global aviation infrastructure.

Additionally, easing the passenger journey and protecting their rights, including people with visible and non-visible disabilities, combating human trafficking, and addressing issues related to stateless persons, refugees, and inadmissible persons, are enormous challenges for all States and must be treated with the utmost priority.

These humanitarian aspects underscore the broader social responsibility that we, as aviation leaders, must uphold.

In conclusion, I reaffirm Brazil's commitment to Facilitation and the principles established in the Doha Ministerial Declaration.

Together, we can build a more efficient, seamless, and inclusive future for international aviation. By continuing to collaborate and innovate, we can ensure that our aviation systems not only meet the current demands but are also resilient and adaptable to future challenges.

We also encourage all States to endorse the Declaration as just the first step, it is equally important to ensure that its principles are effectively translated into concrete national commitments. This requires proactive policy implementation, alignment with international standards, collaborative efforts among governments, industry stakeholders, and relevant agencies.

Finally, it is especially important to highlight the importance of supporting ICAO with the adequate funding to run its relevant coordination of all the global aviation aspects.

Thank you very much.