

**Speaking Notes
For**

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Mr. President, Mr. Secretary-General,
Honourable Ministers, Representatives to
ICAO, Industry Colleagues, and Distinguished
Delegates,

It is an honour to address you all today. As we
gather here, it's evident that today's conference
and the upcoming declaration mark a major
step forward in global aviation facilitation
governance.

I would like to thank ICAO for its leadership, as
well as Qatar for its warm welcome and support
as the host country of this conference.

We all agree that a commitment to aviation safety and security is the foundation of international civil aviation.

Building on this core principle, events like this serve also to highlight the central role of facilitation in shaping the future of aviation, with 75 years of Annex 9 as our guide.

Canada's facilitation work highlights the need to enhance the efficiency of the global aviation system, while bolstering the trust mechanisms which are crucial to secure and ensure seamless travel.

Our dedicated engagement with ICAO, its Member States and industry partners reflects a shared history of cooperation. This collaboration has shaped meaningful responses to both challenges and opportunities in aviation.

For example, Canada has engaged with experts in ICAO forums to advance key facilitation initiatives like ICAO's Traveller Identification Programme and its Public Key Directory.

Canada has also been an active supporter of ICAO's efforts to make international aviation more accessible to persons with disabilities and reduced mobility.

Canada was very proud to contribute to the ICAO Joint Symposium on Accessibility in International Civil Aviation alongside the International Air Transport Association and the Airports Council, which, along with the Doha Facilitation Conference, must lead to further concrete results for people with disabilities and reduced mobility.

We are also honoured to work with ICAO and its Member States, as well as the aviation industry and civil society, to promote best practices in assisting aircraft accident victims and their families, ensuring they receive timely and compassionate support.

Our shared progress comes from collaboration. This is why we value ICAO's '*No Country Left Behind*' strategic goal, which underscores the importance of helping all states benefit from our global aviation system.

This event builds on the achievements of the 2024 ICAO Year of Facilitation, which heightened awareness and fostered stronger ties among States and stakeholders regarding the importance of facilitation.

Today, the adoption of the *Doha Declaration on Facilitation of International Air Transport*

demonstrates our commitment to furthering these principles.

Canada appreciates the collective efforts of all ICAO Member States to come together in support of common objectives.

In closing, on behalf of Canada, the proud host country to ICAO, we look forward to welcoming you to Montreal this fall for the 42nd session of the ICAO Assembly. Thank you.