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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honor to address this esteemed gathering at the ICAO Civil Aviation Facilitation Conference in Doha. At the outset, I extend my gratitude to the State of Qatar for its gracious hospitality and the exceptional efforts in hosting this vital Conference, which underscores our shared commitment to advancing safe, secure, efficient, and sustainable air transport.

The Arab Republic of Egypt recognizes aviation facilitation as a key driver of economic growth, tourism, global connectivity and sustainable development. As the world recover from the disruptions of recent years, the necessity emerged to prioritize seamless passenger experiences, robust security frameworks, and harmonized regulatory standards.

In this regard and in alignment with ICAO's Annex 9 standards, Egypt has taken significant steps to modernize its civil aviation infrastructure and streamline passenger and cargo processes, such as:

Advanced Passenger Processing:

Egypt has implemented Automated Border Control (ABC) e-Gates at major airports, including Cairo International, to expedite passenger clearance using biometric technology.

The Egyptian Traveller Advanced Passenger Information (API) system enhances security while reducing wait times.

Visa Facilitation and Digital Transformation:

Introduction of e-Visa platforms and visa-on-arrival for eligible nationalities, boosting tourism and business travel.

Expansion of electronic payment systems for seamless airport transactions.

Infrastructure Modernization:

Major upgrades at Cairo International Airport, Sharm El-Sheikh, and Hurghada airports, including smart airport initiatives and expanded terminal capacities.

Since joining ICAO's Public Key Directory (PKD) in August 2019, Egypt has strengthened its border security infrastructure by validating e-passports aligning with ICAO standards and recommended practices for secure and efficient travel facilitation.

And based on ICAO initiative of "No Country Left Behind" Egypt hosted several regional training programs to enhance aviation security and facilitation in Africa and the Middle East.

Egypt remains committed to these goals, exemplified by our "National Aviation Facilitation Program" We stand ready to collaborate with ICAO and partners to turn commitments into tangible progress.

In conclusion, we must unite in our determination to build a more interconnected, technologically advanced aviation sector that delivers equitable benefits for all of us.

Thank you.