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OF H.E. THE CABINET SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND
ROADS, REPUBLIC OF KENYA DURING THE ICAO FACILITATION
CONFERENCE 2025 – HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL SEGMENT DOHA, QATAR**

- Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano, President of the ICAO Council,
- Mr. Mohammed Faleh Al-Hajri, Acting President, Civil Aviation Authority of the State of Qatar
- Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, Secretary General of ICAO
- *Distinguished Ministers, Delegates, and Partners,*

It is a distinct honour to address this High-Level Segment on behalf of the Republic of Kenya. Let me begin by expressing our sincere appreciation to the Government of the State of Qatar for graciously hosting this pivotal event, and to ICAO for convening it under the timely and forward-looking theme: *“Facilitating the Future of Air Transport: Collaboration, Efficiency, Inclusivity.”*

As reaffirmed in the Doha Ministerial Declaration, facilitation remains a vital pillar of international air transport—not only for ensuring the smooth movement of people and goods, but also for strengthening the resilience, inclusivity, and sustainability of global aviation systems.

National Coordination and Global Collaboration

Kenya strongly supports **Agenda Item 1**, particularly the implementation of our National Air Transport Facilitation Programme (NATFP) and the establishment of a multi-agency National Air Transport Facilitation Committee (NATFC). This Committee brings together key actors—immigration, customs, health, security, and aviation stakeholders—to ensure effective coordination and readiness to address emerging challenges, including pandemics and security risks.

Moreover, in line with the spirit of the Declaration, Kenya has enhanced its international cooperation, aligning national strategies with ICAO guidance and regional frameworks. We remain an active participant in the ICAO Facilitation Panel and its Working Groups, where we continue to exchange insights and contribute to global best practices.

Innovation in Facilitation: Digital Transformation

Turning to **Agenda Item 11**, Kenya recognizes the crucial role of digital innovation in modern facilitation. The rollout of biometric e-passports with a 10-year validity period marks a shift from traditional passports to secure, digital credentials. In 2022, Kenya joined the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD) as the 89th Member State, reinforcing our commitment to globally trusted and interoperable document verification.

In conclusion, Mr. President, Kenya remains fully committed to working with ICAO and all Member States to promote innovative, inclusive, and future-ready air transport facilitation.

Thank you.