

## **DRAFT OF HON.MINISTER OF TRANSPORT LESOTHO ORAL STATEMENTS**

"Your Excellency, the Minister of Transport of Qatar, Mr. President of the ICAO Council, Secretary-General of ICAO, esteemed colleagues,

Lesotho acknowledges the importance of this ICAO Facilitation Conference (FALC 2025) and the opportunity it provides to discuss and advance crucial issues in international aviation.

Lesotho is committed to enhancing the facilitation of air transport while maintaining the highest standards of security and efficiency. We recognize that a robust aviation sector is vital for our nation's economic growth and connectivity to the world.

In this regard, we would like to share some of the efforts being made to improve our aviation infrastructure and security measures. Recently, we have undertaken a security assessment at Moshoeshoe I International Airport to identify areas needing improvement.

This assessment revealed deficiencies in access control and highlighted the need for more competent security personnel. As a result, we are taking decisive action to address these shortcomings to ensure the safety and security of all passengers and operations.

Lesotho believes that collaboration and information sharing among nations and stakeholders are essential for achieving seamless and secure air travel. We, therefore, urge all participants to actively engage in discussions, share best practices, and commit to implementing the recommendations of this conference.

We commend ICAO for its leadership in promoting efficient facilitation and look forward to contributing to the successful outcome of FALC 2025.

Thank you."