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- Honourable Minister for Aviation, Ghana ; Ms. Cecilia Abena Dapaah
- Mr President of ICAO Council ; Dr Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu
- Honourable participants from the Governments, from the CAA of Africa, from the Air transport industry in Africa and worldwide...

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 2 years ago, ICAO took a memorable initiative in organizing the 1st meeting on « the Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa ». That was in March 2015, in Antananarivo. The outcome was the Declaration of Antananarivo that summarizes in 10 points the most important challenges to an effective implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision.
- It was obvious that the participants to the first meeting of Antananarivo were truly and massively convinced that the way towards a « Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa » MUST necessarily integrate the Yamoussoukro Decision which basically requires in Africa :
 - A more liberalized airspace
 - An Air Transport single market
- But let's remember the Yamoussoukro Decisions were taken in March 1999, that was almost 18 years ago ! There is definitely an urgent need to speed up the pace of change to satisfy both the political vision and agenda and the Air Transport industry requests. The political agenda includes the implementation of YD on the liberalisation of the air transport market as mentioned in the declaration of 19 African Heads of States and Government on January 2014 , also the call by 11 African States on January 2015 for the establishment of a Single Air Transport Market as well as the AU Agenda 2063. On the other side, the industry requirements are for higher performance in terms of « flight connection capability, customer satisfaction, more flight and lower fare, financing availability for infrastructure and fleet renewal etc... ».These specific items will be adressed by various sessions during this ACCRA meeting.
- In a positive move to further assist the African countries for an improved control level on the implementation of the Antananarivo declaration, ICAO have developed a tool called SATAPS (which stands for **S**tate **A**ir **T**ransport **A**ction **P**lan **S**ystem) which is available on the ICAO web site. The SATAPS is providing a list of most critical areas the improvement of which will take

the air transport industry closer to the completion of the Antananarivo Declaration requirements. A detailed presentation of SATAPS will be made by ICAO later today.

8 African States have so far contributed in displaying data on SATAPS on their activity related to the Antananarivo Declaration. That is, as a matter of fact much more less than the number of countries that have officially declared their commitment to support the Yamassoukro Decision on liberalisation of the air transport sector !! We believe that this is just a matter of communication issue as actually many more of the African countries have already implemented many of the 15 areas quoted by the ICAO SATAPS tool ! As the present Chair of the implementation program of the Antananarivo Declaration I urge the remaining States that have not yet have the opportunity to do so to use the SATAPS as a mean to further reinforce our commitment to the Yamoussoukro Decision.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This second meeting on the « Sustainable Development of Air Transport in Africa » is aiming several objectives :

- It is first of all a midway review to make sure that we are still sticking to our Antananarivo commitment
- This is also an opportunity to share our view on the difficulty to implement the YD
- Eventually it is an opportunity to convince more African countries and CAAs to use the SATAPS tool for further success in implementing the Antananarivo Declaration.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you again for your attention and for giving Africa the chance to join the 21st century challenge through our commitment to implement the YD as reflected by the SATAPS tool.

Thank you