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ICAO TO ASSIST INDONESIA WITH NEW AVIATION EMISSIONS REDUCTION INITIATIVES

MONTREAL, 27 March 2013 – The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has announced the formalization of a new project with Indonesia, aimed at improving the management and reduction of its aviation carbon emissions.

The large-scale Environmental Measures Project will be undertaken between Indonesia's Ministry of Transport and ICAO's Technical Co-operation Bureau (ICAO-TCB). It reflects Indonesia's determination to meaningfully address the environmental performance of its air transport sector over the near- and longer-term, while additionally supporting recent Presidential Decrees on greenhouse gas emissions.

"This new, large-scale initiative by ICAO's Technical Co-operation Bureau serves to reinforce the wide-ranging series of concrete programmes and measures our Organization has been pursuing to help our Member States mitigate their international aviation carbon emissions," stressed ICAO Secretary General, Raymond Benjamin.

ICAO-TCB will be working directly on the new project with Indonesia's Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The agreed objectives include a Master Plan for Indonesian legislative improvements on emissions, Green Flights and Green Airports operational programmes, more efficient airspace design utilizing Performance-based Navigation guidelines, advice on appropriate market-based measures, as well as initiatives relating to alternative fuels and the development of a comprehensive emissions inventory.

"This is an important time for Indonesian aviation, notably, as air transport capacity globally and especially here in the Asia/Pacific region is projected to expand significantly over the next two decades," commented Indonesia's Vice Minister of Transportation, Dr. Bambang Susantono.

"To manage this growth responsibly, Indonesia was keenly aware that we would need to develop and adopt more meaningful emissions control legislation and initiatives," he continued. "ICAO-TCB's experience and knowledge of what works at the global, regional and local levels will be invaluable to us as we proceed with these programmes."