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CONCLUDING STATEMENT FROM INDUSTRY

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Thank you Madam President and a very good morning colleagues.

Representing the air transport industry

- ACI for airports,
- CANSO for air traffic management,
- IATA for airlines,
- IBAC for business aircraft operators and
- ICCAIA for the manufacturing community.

I wish to send a note of both congratulations and thanks from the industry and also from concerned citizens around the world – including the young aviation professionals you have seen calling for us to Fly Net Zero in videos around this building and on social media.

Industry made the important decision to adopt a net-zero goal exactly one year ago. To have this goal also taken up here in ICAO is a milestone day for the aviation sector. Air transport has always been able to work together to solve complex challenges and climate change is no different.

I would also like to mention the spirit of global cooperation which has been on show on the climate change file at ICAO over the past year with governments making the most of the benefits of multilateralism. This is how the UN is supposed to operate. Diplomats reaching understanding of differences and coming together in common interest.

But... setting a goal is one thing. Making it a reality is where the hard work really begins and we need to continue – and accelerate – the efficiency improvements and energy transition that is already underway across the industry.

Net-zero aviation is a significant challenge, but it is fully achievable if we work together across industry, government, the energy sector and finance communities.

The industry commits to working with all States over the coming years as they evolve their own policy environments to complement the new global goal and ensure that we are all moving in the same direction.

So, Madam President, thank you for your committed leadership of this challenging Assembly, thank you to the secretariat and our dedicated Council members, and to all colleagues across the world who have played a constructive role in helping us achieve this historic agreement.