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ENSURING THAT THE AVIATION INDUSTRY WORKS TOGETHER TO CONTRIBUTE TO
SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PEOPLE – “*AVIATION4ALL*”

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The aviation industry stands at an inflection point, urgently needing to embrace transformative innovations that will propel it towards a sustainable future. The International Aviation Forum (IAF) declaration, *Aviation4All* signed by 43 organizations and businesses across the aviation sector, recognizes the significant contributions of aviation to economic development, trade, and global tourism, and endorses a shared vision for undertaking the challenges to ensure the future of aviation for the benefit of all people.

Action: The Assembly is invited to:

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), along with all interested States and organizations, is urged to support the implementation of *Aviation4All*, thus, ensuring a viable and sustainable aviation industry for the future, providing the greatest benefits to people around the world.

<i>Strategic Goals:</i>	This working paper relates to Strategic Goal: <i>The Economic Development of Air Transport Assures the Delivery of Economic Prosperity and Societal Well-Being for All</i>
<i>Financial implications:</i>	
<i>References:</i>	https://hermes.aero/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/IMG_4385-scaled.jpeg

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Recognizing the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) leadership in addressing industry workforce challenges through the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) Program and the Air Transport Gender Equality Initiative; and further recognizing ICAO's leading actions to a more sustainable industry through the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) and the ICAO Global Framework for Sustainable Aviation Fuels and the Third ICAO Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) commitments, and finally recognizing ICAOs commitment to *No Country Left Behind*, **the aviation industry urgently needs to embrace transformative innovations that will propel it towards a sustainable and equitable future.**

1.2 The International Aviation Forum (IAF) declaration (see Appendix) entitled *Aviation4All* signed by 43 organizations and businesses across the aviation sector endorses a series of action items to ensure the future of aviation for the benefit of all people.

1.3 We urge ICAO, along with all interested States and organizations, to support the implementation of *Aviation4All*, thus ensuring a viable and sustainable aviation industry for the future, providing the greatest benefits to people around the world.

2. ACTION ITEMS FOR ACHIEVING *AVIATION4ALL*

2.1 Deliver on environmental commitments to provide a "net zero" industry.

2.2 Enhance the workplace to establish an inclusive and diverse working environment, regardless of age, religion, gender, academic or physical ability or national origin.

2.3 Increasing connectivity to enhance global accessibility.

2.4 Work to enhance safety and security to protect passengers, customers, and the workforce.

2.5 Integrate throughout the value chain to provide an improved customer and shipper experience, adopting seamless technology-based solutions.

2.6 Provide a customer centric culture.

2.7 Focus on improving operational performance to minimize service disruptions, enhancing the joy of flying.

2.8 Deliver financial efficiencies to lower the barrier of access, so that a greater percentage of the global population can reap the benefits of air travel.

2.9 Enhance the overall positive impact that commercial aviation has on global society through increased opportunities for prosperity and cultural integration.

3. CONCLUSIONS

3.1 The aviation industry makes significant contributions to economic development, trade, and global tourism leading to economic growth and prosperity for people around the world.

3.2 However, the aviation industry faces significant financial, environmental, regulatory, and operational challenges to continue these contributions into the future.

3.3 States, along with ICAO and other stakeholders, must work together to undertake these action items to further the growth of the industry for the benefit of people around the world.

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APPENDIX

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION FORUM (IAF) DECLARATION



INTERNATIONAL AVIATION FORUM

DECLARATION Aviation4All

Over the last 110 years the commercial aviation industry has created millions of jobs transporting people and products to places around the world. Air transport supports global tourism and trade generating USD 1.4 trillion and USD 8.0 trillion dollars respectively for the global economy. An estimated 25% of the global population flies each year generating over 4 billion passenger journeys through a growing network of over 22,000 unique city pairs. With pharmaceutical, personalised healthcare and e-commerce growing in every region, air cargo is a significant enabler of growth in global welfare and prosperity.

The International Aviation Forum (IAF) launches the concept of "Aviation4All" to enable sustainable growth and prosperity;

- Delivering on environmental commitments to provide a "net zero" industry
- Enhancing the workplace to establish an inclusive and diverse working environment, regardless of age, religion, gender, academic or physical ability or national origin
- Increasing connectivity to enhance global accessibility
- Working with governments to enhance safety and security to protect passengers, customers, and the workforce
- Integrating throughout the value chain to provide an improved customer and shipper experience, adopting seamless technology-based solutions
- Providing a customer centric culture
- Dedicated focus on improving operational performance to minimize service disruptions enhancing the joy of flying
- Delivering financial efficiencies to lower the barrier of access, so that a greater percentage of the global population can reap the benefits of domestic and international air travel
- Enhancing the overall positive impact that commercial aviation has on global society through increased opportunities for prosperity and cultural integration

The IAF welcomes the commitment of the following organisations, associations and corporate entities, to these principles as we collaboratively engage to deliver commercial aviation as an "Aviation4All" industry.

Logos of member organizations and airlines include: IAF, ASA WORLD, CANSO, HERMES, TIACA, AAC, Airlines for America, ATR, AEGEAN, ASE Group, AATN, avibright, CROATIA AIRLINES, EMBRAER, EMBROSS, Fraport, GIMAS, Goldair, Hellenic Aviation Society, Heraklion International Airport, IGA, M.T.I., PEGASUS, Salzburg Airport, TAN, a member of Groupe ADP, TURKISH TECHNOLOGY, VIE, and YAAFA.