

Industry Statement for the High-level Conference on COVID-19

We, representatives of international aviation industry organisations, Airports Council International (ACI), the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC), the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA), the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) and the International Federation of Air Traffic Controllers' Associations (IFATCA), welcome the commitment by Ministers to address the global crisis in aviation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic that has given rise to serious public health, economic and social consequences.

We endorse the adoption by Ministers of a Declaration of support for the long-term resilience of the international aviation community, ensuring sustained operations and provision of essential services while safeguarding fair competition.

We welcome Ministers' commitment to taking effective measures to safely restore international connectivity and support the revival of the global economy.

We call on States to take action to implement risk based, pragmatic approaches such as mutual recognition of vaccines and interoperable solutions for proof of health status.

We support the promotion of a harmonized and inclusive approach to facilitate safe international air travel and alleviate or exempt testing and quarantine requirements for fully vaccinated or recovered passengers in keeping with WHO's technical considerations, while providing alternative options for non-vaccinated passengers.

We welcome ICAO's work to provide guidance for the evolution of existing risk management measures as the pandemic retreats or becomes endemic and will work with States and ICAO to plan for permanent practical adaptations to the air transport system.

We will provide our support toward building long-term resilience through the enhancement of crisis response capabilities.

We believe that commitment to a long-term climate goal is essential for the growth and resilience of the industry and have committed, through the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), that *global civil aviation operations will achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, supported by accelerated efficiency measures, energy transition and innovation across the aviation sector and in partnership with governments around the world.* We look forward to ICAO and States playing their part in achieving this goal.

We commit to supporting the outcomes of the facilitation and safety streams of the High-level Conference on COVID-19. We call upon ICAO and States to implement the recommendations from the conference and to report on progress at the 41st Assembly.

