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**Closing Remarks for Secretary General
Third ICAO-WCO Joint Conference on Air Cargo
Security and Facilitation**

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1. We have reached the end of a very interesting and successful conference. I hope that you have enjoyed it as much as I have and that you are going away with new contacts, new ideas, and new plans for strengthening implementation of the aviation security and facilitation provisions.
2. The Conference has brought together international, regional and national regulators from both Aviation Security and Customs, representatives from all areas of the aviation and air cargo industry, equipment manufacturers, and researchers. And while we all may have brought different areas of expertise to bear on our discussions these past three days, our viewpoints have been complimentary and will help to ensure the secure and efficient movement of freight.
3. This event has also served as a very active demonstration of the ongoing cooperative working relationship between ICAO and the WCO, a relationship which also now embraces the Universal Postal Union (UPU) and other international bodies and new-found partners.
4. I am also very encouraged that on this occasion we have been joined, for the first time, by representatives of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). It is my great hope that similar links will be established by administrations both within and between Member States.
5. Over this week we have explored a number of possibilities for advancing our capacity building efforts. For instance:
 - training courses, workshops and seminars;
 - electronic tools like the AVSECPaedia;
 - practical implementation support, for instance through Cooperative Aviation Security Programmes (CASP), or the ICAO Technical Cooperation Bureau;
 - And lastly peer reviews and feedback from audits and inspections.
6. We have also been given information about diverse existing issues and new ways of tackling them, for instance by bringing together regulated agent authorized economic operator regimes, through mutual recognition and shared inspections schemes.

7. And we have similarly considered the benefits of introducing greater unpredictability into security practices more generally, and of promoting a paperless environment – for instance through use of the electronic Consignment Security Declaration (eCSD) and electronic airway bill (eAWB).
8. Additional issues are now steadily moving up our agenda, and as we move forward together we will be exploring in more detail how to make optimal use of both existing and emerging screening technologies, how to exploit new possibilities such as electronic communications, and how to better protect against insider threats.
9. We have also been shown methods of addressing these issues through our existing channels and mechanism, for example training, guidance, or practical support, or else with the assistance of innovative new partners, new screening technologies, and more targeted training materials.
10. All in all, this is quite an impressive inventory for a Conference lasting just two and a half days, and in that regard I would like to congratulate our panel members and moderators for leaving us with so much to action and consider as we look to the months ahead.
11. These achievements have only been made possible through the widening circle of close cooperative working relationships we have with the WCO and other partners, and I have no doubt that together we will reach our shared goal to make air cargo transport sustainably secure, and streamlined to the benefit of States, businesses and citizens in every world region.
12. Finally, I would like to once again offer my sincere thanks to the Malaysian Government, in particular the Ministry of Transport and the Royal Malaysian Customs, for providing such generous support for this Conference.
13. We've enjoyed an outstanding venue, interesting speakers, and have benefitted from excellent site visits, and none of that would have been possible without Malaysia's commitment and support.
14. Thank you again, and I wish you all safe journeys home.

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