



**Closing Remarks by the Secretary General of the
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO),
Dr. Fang Liu
to the ICAO Regional Seminar
on States' Action Plans and CORSIA**

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Thank you, Mr Chairman.

*Distinguished participants,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

1. Over the last four days, you will have benefited from some important new information from ICAO. I am sure this will be very helpful for you in the weeks ahead with the preparation and refinement of your States' Action Plans aimed at reducing international aviation-related local CO₂ emissions.
2. The second part of the seminar, related to CORSIA, familiarized participants with the details of Assembly Resolution A39-3 – regarding CORSIA's design and implementation aspects.
3. It also provided an opportunity for States to share advice on their current status of preparedness to implement CORSIA, and assess their needs for further assistance which may be required.
4. ICAO is faced with a pressing need to complete the CORSIA work programme, and the ICAO Council has held substantial discussions on the planning and resources required to do so.
5. The Council has now endorsed the overall plan of CORSIA advanced preparation activities, including the development of related SARPs and guidance, and capacity building and assistance activities for States such as this regional seminar.
6. The Council also acknowledged that this work will require additional resources. While some progress is now being made in this regard, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage States to contribute additional financing, personnel, facilities, or other in-kind contributions to ICAO's preparatory activities for the CORSIA implementation.

7. It would be also important for States to build partnerships amongst themselves in cooperating towards CORSIA implementation. I will regularly update the Council on the status of contributions from States as well as the partnerships among States, so that the Council can discuss any further actions to ensure that sufficient resources are in place for the timely implementation of CORSIA. We must all keep in mind how important a successful outcome of this work is to both our sector and our planet.
8. As you aware, to date 66 States, representing more than 86 per cent of international air traffic, have volunteered to participate in CORSIA from its outset. As a result of these regional seminars and other capacity-building activities, it is my hope that more and more States will be joining these early adopters and bolstering aviation's commitment to mitigate climate change impacts.
9. Ladies and gentlemen, in closing now please let me re-convey ICAO's deep appreciation to the Government of Brazil for hosting this regional seminar on States' Action Plans and CORSIA, which has successfully achieved its objectives.
10. We should also thank Mr. Ricardo Fenelon for so adeptly chairing these proceedings these past four days, and on that note let me wish you all safe travels on your return journeys home.
11. Thank you.

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