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STATEMENT BY MOZAMBIQUE

(Presented by Mr. Alberto Fortes MESQUITA, Minister of Transport and Communications)

President of the Assembly,
President of the Council,
Secretary General of ICAO,
Excellences,
Distinguished Delegates

It is my honour to address you today on this occasion of this 41st session of the ICAO Assembly. I would like to take this opportunity to affirm the support of the Government of Mozambique for ICAO's programs on Environmental Protection.

Of utmost importance, we recognise ICAO's role in the development of policies, guidelines, procedures and the various tools endorsed by ICAO, which aim to promote the harmonisation in the mitigation measures adopted by Member States.

We appreciate the technical help ICAO has proffered Member States in the development of Civil Aviation processes to combat climate change.

Mr. President, Mozambique's location and extensive coastline has made it one of Africa's most vulnerable countries to the effects of global warming. It is characterised by frequent extreme weather events, such as droughts, floods rising temperatures and rising sea levels. Due to its extensive coastline, tropical cyclones and storms hit the land almost every year. These erratic weather elements have had a negative impact on crop yields and productivity and It has been projected that climate change will increase agricultural climate risks.

It is against this backdrop that Mozambique fully embraced ICAO's efforts with regard to Environmental Protection programs. Our government as well as aviation stakeholders have developed action plans and strategies to reduce aviation's carbon footprint through the close monitoring of aviation's effect on climate, while preserving and enhancing its economic and social benefits.

The government has adopted several legal measures and instruments since 1994, following the creation of the Ministry for the Cooperation of Environmental. Aligned with this purpose, Mozambique has ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and adheres to the guidelines enshrined in the Paris Agreement.

Mozambique's efforts to mitigate and manage the effects of climate change spams from efforts to reduce deforestation, supporting infrastructure upgrades, better resource management, enhanced climate services, and the development of local and national capacities for climate resilient planning and action.

Mozambique is committed and is willing to implement all of ICAO's strategic objectives as well as cooperation with other member states regarding the same. I encourage us, ICAO member States, to take on this challenge and successfully and effectively implement the measures that will lead us to the sustainable development of air transport.

THANK YOU

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