

JOINT STATEMENT
of the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, the Republic of South Africa,
the Russian Federation
On the International Aviation and Climate Change

1. We recognize and appreciate initiatives taken by the President of the Council in his presentation of the draft Assembly resolution.
2. We recognize that climate change is a global concern which all of us need to address with regard to reduction of CO₂ emissions by actual action.
3. We also recognize that the 38th Assembly resolution requested the Council to identify the major issues and problems, and to finalize the work on the technical aspects, environmental and economic impacts, and modalities of the possible options for a global MBM scheme, while taking into account special circumstances and respective capabilities of Member States.
4. We note that the resolution A38-18, requested the Council to report the results of the work done on the technical aspects for GMBM, for decision by it in the 39th Session of the Assembly.
5. We recall that resolution A38-18 asked the Council to organize seminars and workshops on a global MBM scheme for international aviation, participated by officials and experts of Member States as well as relevant organizations.
6. We note that the 1st round of GLADs presented a huge variety of views and concerns by Member States regarding the development of GMBM for international aviation, for instance, on issues of administrative simplicity, transparency, environmental integrity, capacity building and assistance, etc.
7. We also note the report of the EAG which echoed the same concerns on the design of GMBM which were expressed by the participants of GLADs, in relations to environmental integrity, simplicity, cost-effectiveness, differentiation without discrimination, and the need to avoid excessive cost/ administrative burdens, as well as consideration on the legal framework, continuous information flow and outreach, capacity-building, transparency, and linkage to States' voluntary action plans.
8. We welcome the Paris Agreement (COP21) and related decisions adopted by the Paris Conference on Climate Change, which is a comprehensive, balanced and ambitious agreement and put in place a global mechanism to deal with climate change centered on the post-2020 Intended Nationally Determined Contributions, reaffirmed commitment to the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities.
9. We reiterated our commitment to work together constructively with other countries on the international and climate change to develop an Assembly resolution, with each country making contribution to the best of its ability, and not to create a regime intending to run counter to the agreement reached in COP21. The resolution to be reached in ICAO shall be in full accordance with the principles of equity and common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities and its implementation shall not lead to discrimination against the sustainable development of international aviation of countries, in particular developing countries. Differentiation between developed and developing countries should be reflected in each crucial component of the resolution.

10. We reiterated that developed countries should take the lead in the post-2020 period, by committing and implementing more ambitious, absolute quantified aviation emission reduction targets while developing countries will enhance their different types of efforts to grow sustainable aviation.
11. We note with concern the reluctance of some of the developed countries to take the lead to reduce their international aviation emissions through tangible actions, and further imposing unilateral actions against global consensus, which has made the aspirational CNG2020 unfounded and non-pragmatic.
12. We concur that a post-2020 enhanced transparency system of action to address international aviation emissions should be built on differentiated arrangements, while providing flexibility to developing countries.
13. We reiterate that the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, the Republic of South Africa, the Russian Federation will continue to undertake robust actions domestically to conserve the aviation energy and reduce emissions. We highlighted that measures of improved technology and operation, infrastructure construction, sustainable jet bio-fuel, etc. will play a more significant role in facilitating developing countries to grow sustainable aviation.
14. We as the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, the Republic of South Africa, the Russian Federation hereby wish to inform the Council that our views will be made available as a discussion item during the 2nd round of GLADs in preparation of the 2nd High Level Group meeting.