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STATEMENT BY AFCAC



STATEMENT OF AFCAC TO THE 42ND PLENARY OF ECAC

Mr. Alessio Quaranta, President of ECAC,

Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano, President of the Council of ICAO,

**Ms. Magda Kopczynska, Director General, DG MOVE, European Commission
Executive Secretary for the European Civil Aviation Conference,**

Directors General and State Representatives,

Distinguished guests

All protocols observed,

It is my honor to join you today for the Forty-second (42nd) Plenary Session of the European Civil Aviation Conference.

I extend my warm greetings to all of you on behalf of the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC). Our presence here underscores our commitment to solidarity within the civil aviation sectors of the European Union and Africa. We firmly believe that we are stronger and more prosperous when better connected and working collaboratively towards common goals.

At AFCAC, we value our shared objectives with ECAC in advancing aviation and fostering interconnectivity among our regions and the global community. We have enjoyed a strong and fruitful relationship with ECAC, anchored in our mutual goals for the development of aviation in our respective regions.

AFCAC and ECAC have had a longstanding relationship since 1998, through this collaboration, we have achieved remarkable successes in enhancing aviation security, facilitation, safety, aircraft accident investigation, and environmental sustainability.

As we grow the traffic amongst the regions, we aim to enhance our cooperation by exchanging best practices and organizing joint initiatives.



Leveraging our collective expertise and resources will enable us to improve the implementation support for our States. Together, we can continue to advance aviation safety, security, and sustainability across both continents, especially as we integrate new technologies to enable a more efficient aviation industry

The aviation industry is experiencing several technological shifts and initiatives such as cybersecurity, unmanned aviation, and environmental efficiency. As we embrace the changing ecosystem, we are mindful of challenges such as signal interferences, and technology restrictions, among others. Several of the areas have been discussed in the conference thus far, and we are glad to continue working with partners to develop new strategies to redress this.

We look forward to building on our strong foundation of cooperation for the benefit of civil aviation in our regions. AFCAC and ECAC have a longstanding relationship dedicated to supporting our mutual goals, and we reaffirm our commitment to continue this collaboration across various platforms.

I wish you all fruitful deliberations and successful outcomes for this 42nd Plenary Session of the European Civil Aviation Commission.

Thank you for your attention.