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Subject: Joint statement on the occasion of the meeting between Dr Fang Liu, Secretary General of ICAO, and Prof. Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of WMO

Action required: Consider actions towards enhanced cooperation between Civil Aviation Administrations and National Meteorological and Hydrological Services

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Secretary General of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), are pleased to inform you that we held a bilateral meeting on 28 April 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland to discuss matters of mutual interest to provide better support to our Members/States. Recognizing our long-standing history of excellent cooperation and collaboration, we agreed on the need to strengthen further this partnership in meeting new challenges, such as contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Both Organizations have their roles in addressing environmental and climate change issues, thus a closer coordination and information and knowledge sharing will be strongly encouraged for our mutual benefit.

We acknowledge the rigorous development of the aviation industry and the ICAO's vision for a globally interoperable, harmonized air traffic management (ATM) system as described in the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and its Aviation System Block Upgrades (ASBU) framework. We also note that, the WMO Members are committed to support this vision through development and provision of improved meteorological information and services to meet the evolving requirements of the industry. Thus, the cooperation between ICAO and WMO will result in a better integration of the meteorological information into the ATM system as a key enabler to improving aviation safety, enhancing air navigation capacity and efficiency, reducing the impact of aviation on the environment and mitigating the impact of climate change and variability on aviation.

To realize the potential of our partnership fully, it is essential to recognize the key roles of national meteorological and hydrological services (NMHS) and national civil aviation administrations (CAA) in the provision of the meteorological service for international air navigation. Close relationships between CAAs and NMHSs need to be well established and maintained to appropriately address the implementation of fair and transparent cost-recovery mechanisms to ensure the sustainability and quality of meteorological services provided to international air navigation that meet the users' needs and expectations. Both ICAO and WMO promote a strong culture of compliance with the international regulations which, in the field of aeronautical meteorological services, have been jointly promulgated by the two Organizations.

We reiterate the commitment of the two Organizations in providing assistance to the Least Developed Countries (LDC), the Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), to raise their capability to effectively serve the international air navigation, through coordinated capacity development and resource mobilization efforts.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO and ICAO Member States