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Statement following initial ICAO discussion on a proposed market-based measure to reduce emissions from international aviation

The Minister for Transportation & Communications of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, The Honorable Mike Halferty, released the below statement today following initial discussions at the 39th Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) on a proposed global market-based measure to reduce emissions from international aviation.

“Without an effective market-based measure to reduce aviation emissions, it will be impossible to keep temperatures within 1.5 degrees as we all agreed to do in Paris. This is why I have personally made the long journey here to help fight for this measure.”

“Today we heard more than 80 countries speak in favor of the proposed measure, and more than 20 developing countries have already taken the lead by signaling their intention to opt-in to the scheme from the beginning. This includes many – like the Marshall Islands – which have no obligation to participate at all. If we can do it, I hope many more can also do so, including our larger developing country friends.”

“We simply cannot afford to wait another three years for the aviation sector to take action, and we cannot afford anything less than what we have on the table. If we do, the droughts we experience will get more frequent; the storms more intense; and the king tides more severe.”

“It is time to get this done.”

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