

JOINT STATEMENT ON AVIATION SUSTAINABILITY

- 1. We call for collaboration amongst BRICS countries on the development and deployment of aviation cleaner energies, particularly Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) in line with the principle that recognizes that each state's special circumstances and respective capabilities will inform the ability of each state to contribute to these objectives within its own national timeframe, and we share the viewpoints that the criteria for assessing the sustainability and accounting of carbon emissions of those energies should be neutral and technical, in light of national circumstances. We underscore that production volumes are still far below what is necessary to achieve relevant decarbonization of the aviation sector and call for swift certification procedures by technical bodies to allow for much-needed scalability and investments. Additionally, we call for the reinforcement of ICAO support for developing countries in facilitating enhanced access to public and private investment capacities and funding from financial institutions through the Finvest Hub in line with the CBDR principle.
- 2. We reaffirm our commitment to enhance cooperation among our countries to foster the sustainability of international air transport through joint initiatives and also by working collaboratively in multilateral forums, such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as well as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).
- 3. We express our aspiration to the implementation of, within our own national circumstances and timeframe, the ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other Aviation Cleaner Energies, adopted by CAAF/3 in November 2023, the development and deployment of aviation cleaner energies of and we urge for the full implementation of its financing aspects under ICAO in accordance with the principle of the common but differentiated responsibilities (CBDR), which will be paramount for promoting fair opportunities for all regions, especially in developing countries, to develop and deploy those aviation cleaner energies and allow for the decarbonization of the aviation sector. Furthermore, we encourage each State to join the ICAO's Assistance, Capacity-building and Training Programme (ACT-SAF), which supports States to develop their full potential in various stages of SAF development and deployment including facilitating partnerships and cooperation on SAF initiatives, in light of the ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other Aviation Cleaner Energies.
- 4. We acknowledge the importance of the goals and level of ambition of the environmental agenda of each member country alongside the need to reconcile the realities of the aviation sector in emerging markets, including in BRICS countries.
- 5. We oppose any unilateral actions and restrictive measures in the aviation sector that may cause market distortions to the disadvantage of emerging markets and developing countries. We reiterate our commitment to enhance coordination, to safeguard technology access, and to uphold the concept of technological neutrality on these matters.