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Freight Forwarders' Seek Global Solution on Aviation Emissions

The International and European freight forwarders' associations, FIATA and CLECAT, with its collective membership representing over 164 countries, unite in advocating for a global emissions solution that allows the airfreight market to look forward to a more predictable and sustainable business environment in future. They are hopeful that ICAO's 191 member countries will finally agree, in the coming week, on the details of a global market-based measure during the ICAO General Assembly, which opened in Montreal on September 24, 2013.

FIATA's Past President Mr William Gottlieb, who is representing the freight forwarding industry in Montreal said: "We have good reason to be optimistic as ICAO Secretary General Raymond Benjamin at the Assembly's opening news conference assured us, that he is confident, when the session closes on October 4th, ICAO's member countries will have reached a global accord."

He continued: "We look to the ICAO Assembly to demonstrate the willingness of governments to progress on tackling aviation CO2 emissions. We are hopeful that this will bring to fruition a global agreement which has been discussed for several years in keeping with the global aspirational goal of carbon-neutral growth; including global market-based measures, to help reduce emissions."

In line with this, Ms Veronique Corduant, Chairwoman of CLECAT's working group on sustainable transport said: "Our associations are hopeful that an overall agreement with the goal of carbon-neutral growth from 2020 can be reached. The environmental challenge of the airline industry is a global challenge. Global issues must be addressed globally and now is the time to do it!"

The EU's recent attempt to include international aviation in its Emissions Trading System (ETS) has been placed on hold. Governments need to keep this in mind and seek to settle differences in order to avoid further regional legislation. Under the current EU one-year 'stop-the-clock' derogation, intercontinental flights to and from European airports are exempted from the EU ETS, but under the draft resolution, which is up for agreement by ICAO, the EU would be permitted to re-include intercontinental flights, including those to and from third countries, although the emissions covered would be restricted to those in EU airspace, rather than the whole flight, as directed under the original EU legislation. Despite the much lower environmental integrity of the reduced EU ETS scope, the European Commission has accepted the compromise under the draft ICAO resolution, in hopes of a final global deal.

The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) represents the global freight forwarding and logistics sector, which handles the vast majority of the world's air cargo movements, and the European association for forwarding, transport, logistics and customs services (CLECAT) have been very active in the area of sustainable transport and long advocated the position that only global solutions can adequately address the area of transport related emissions, which are not

contained by national or regional barriers. In 2012 FIATA issued a comprehensive position paper and this document is available at: http://www.fiata.com/uploads/media/FIATA_Position_Paper_-_CO2_and_other_Emissions_in_Freight_Transport_and_Logistics_01.pdf

Note for the editors

FIATA, the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA), was established in Vienna in 1926, and is the largest Non-Governmental Organization in the field of International Transport and logistics. Its membership includes National Freight Forwarders Associations, operating in over 100 countries, representing over 45,000 local logistics companies, employing in excess of 10 million persons, as well as individual members domiciled in over 150 countries.

CLECAT is the Brussels based organisation representing the interests of more than 19.000 companies employing in excess of 1.000.000 staff in logistics, freight forwarding and customs services. European freight forwarders and Customs agents clear around 95% of all goods in Europe and handle 65% of the cargo transported by road, 95% of the cargo transported by air and 65% of cargo transport by ship.

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