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TWO WORKING DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT A WAY FORWARD ON AVIATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO):

Suggestions from a high level aviation stakeholders group, convened by WWF

Over the last seven months, WWF has convened two workshops in Washington DC and Berlin which included over 70 international stakeholders and experts involved in managing global carbon emissions from the aviation sector. The purposes of this group have been to 1) generate new perspectives, 2) identify policy options and trade-offs, and 3) find areas of consensus among stakeholders, all which could provide helpful input to ICAO and its member states in negotiating a global approach to reducing international aviation emissions. Participants include government ministers and officials from developed and developing countries with responsibilities for aviation, transportation, tourism and the environment; global, regional and national aviation industry representatives; the tourism sector; non-governmental organisations (NGOs); and issue experts. What unites this group is a common interest in seeing rapid progress within ICAO towards a global agreement that would put a price on aviation carbon.

Two working groups were set up after the Washington DC workshops to continue exploring how to address challenges in coming to agreement on a global MBM. The working groups, in-turn, developed the following working documents:

1. ***“Areas of Alignment on Global Market-Based Measures (MBMs) to Address Aviation Emissions”*** by the MBM Working Group: This document explores key ideas and trade-offs, and identifies areas of potential alignment that could be introduced to the ICAO process to help build a global approach to CO₂ pricing and management in the aviation sector. To discover the areas of alignment, working group members reacted to three hypothetical “straw person” MBM proposals.
2. ***“Bridging the Political Barriers in Negotiating a Global Market Based Measure for Controlling International Aviation Emissions”*** by the CBDR&RC Working Group: This working group developed in-depth options and recommendations for how to address the “special circumstances and respective capabilities of developing countries”—ICAO’s close equivalent of CBDR&RC.

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