



INTERNATIONAL AVIATION FORUM

JOINT STATEMENT

CHICAGO, 5 DECEMBER 2024: December 7th, 1944 marked a monumental day in the history of commercial aviation. 52 visionary states came together to sign the Chicago Convention having agreed on certain principles and arrangements in order that international civil aviation may be developed in a safe and orderly manner and that international air transport services may be established on the basis of equality of opportunity and operated soundly and economically.

Those principles still govern the aviation industry eight decades later as international aviation has become a critical component of a modern global economy and community, connecting people and things to people and places. It supports millions of jobs directly and indirectly and contributes to the development of the world.

The International Aviation Forum (IAF), a forum of leading organisations from across all sectors of the aviation community, on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the signing of Chicago Convention, congratulates ICAO for the realization of the Convention's vision by its leadership and guidance to 193 Member states across the globe.

Under ICAO leadership we can expect the next 80 years to deliver sustainable growth with net zero operations and enhancing a safe and secure commercial aviation sector ensuring no country is left behind and committed to an aviation for all principle that will enhance social and economic development.

The IAF is committed to working together, adhering to the principles of the Chicago Convention, in order to achieve the future aims of the commercial aviation industry ensuring that we deliver sustainable economic and social development.

