**ASEAN REGIONAL FORUM**

**STATEMENT ON AVIATION PARTNERSHIP: SOARING AHEAD TOGETHER**

***RECOGNIZING*** the importance of safe and secure air transport in strengthening the ARF Participants' cooperation and ASEAN economic integration;

***RECOGNIZING*** the importance of every State's implementing practices consistent the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) in the realm of aviation;

***RECALLING*** *the U.N. Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) No. 2309 (2016), which calls upon States to ensure that effective risk based measures are in place at the airports within their jurisdiction, including though enhancing screening, security checks, and facility security, to detect and deter terrorist attacks against civil aviation and to review and assess such measures regularly and thoroughly to ensure that they reflect the ever-evolving threat picture and are in accordance with ICAO standards and recommended practices;*

***RECALLING*** the decision in UNSCR 2396 (2017) for Member States to collect advance passenger information (API) and passenger name record (PNR) information for the purpose of preventing, detecting, and investigating terrorist offenses and travel, with full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

*Paragraph deleted by China*

***RECALLING*** ICAO's "No Country Left Behind" initiative, which aims at assisting States in effectively implementing ICAO SARPs, policies, plans and programmes in a globally-harmonized manner; addressing significant safety, security, and environmental concerns; and promoting and implementing all ICAO's assistance activities so that all States have access to the significant socio-economic benefits of safe and reliable air transport which supports sustainable development;

Pledge to strive to::

1. Affirm our joint commitment to safe, secure, and efficient aviation , our existing partnership on aviation issues, and our intention to continue cooperation generally on aviation;
2. Promote aviation safety and security throughout the aviation system in ARF, including aircraft, air traffic control facilities, and local and international airports;

3. Reaffirm our commitment to UNSCR 2309 (2016) which calls for greater collaboration in ensuring the security of global air services and the prevention of terrorist attacks in accordance with international law,  (deleted by SG);
4. Strengthen information sharing, capacity building, and cooperation among ARF Participants to rapidly respond to incidents and emerging threats;
5. Implement ICAO **SARPs** in all matters concerned with aviation security, safety, regularity, efficiency, and environmental performance of air navigation  to the fullest extent;
6. Implement infrastructure upgrades that improve efficiency, safety, and security in line with ICAO's "No Country Left Behind" initiative, where necessary;
7. Continue efforts to make regional air connectivity safe, vibrant, and effective;
8. Continue enhancing the sustainability of aviation, ;
9. Maintain cooperation among ARF Participants to promote consistency, harmonisation, and coordination of efforts aimed at improving international civil aviation safety, capacity, and efficiency in the spirit of ICAO Resolution A39-12 as adopted by the 39th ICAO Assembly; and
10. Sustain investments in improving air traffic management, especially those technologies and procedures that are a part of the minimum path to global interoperability and safety, increased capacity and efficiency  based on the 5th edition of ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan.

**End of Statement**