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Statement from the International Coalition for Sustainable Aviation on the ICAO Council's weakening of the CORSIA baseline.

COVID-19 has inflicted tremendous pain and loss on families and communities the world over and has caused extreme hardship for the aviation sector. Our energy in fighting this crisis must be matched in our fight against climate change. The ICAO Council's decision to further deflate the ambition of CORSIA is a betrayal to future generations, and a slap in the face to the multilateral work to build the program. There is no good reason for the ICAO Council to make this decision now. It is unnecessary given the program's flexibility, and it is illegal unless ratified by the Assembly. CORSIA was already far below what is needed to avoid climate catastrophe. Airlines, in pushing for this change, have undermined their own case for international action. Given ICAO's unwillingness to lead, ICSA urges governments to adopt national measures to support the climate ambition that is needed.

About ICSA: The International Coalition for Sustainable Aviation (ICSA) works to reduce pollution from air travel. As a network of nonprofit organizations representing millions of members, ICSA is the only environmental civil society group accredited as an observer by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations standard-setting body for international air travel. ICSA member organizations include Aviation Environment Federation, Carbon Market Watch, Environmental Defense Fund, the International Council on Clean Transportation, Transport & Environment, and WWF.

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