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Travel and tourism, within a liberal regulatory framework, are essential for global connectivity and socio- economic development. 20% of all new jobs are created in this industry.

However, in the face of climate change, it is essential for the industry to engage collectively to reduce the level of emissions.

The aviation and travel industries recognise there is no single “one-size-fits-all” solution to the environmental challenges the world is confronted by today.

To secure environmental sustainability for future generations, it is recommended that urgent action should be taken by:
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(1) Airlines

a) To work actively with manufacturers and fuel suppliers to explore all avenues for emission reduction, including but not limited to using and developing alternative fuels, and ensuring efficient operational processes.

b) To promote a clear and coherent industry message to assure the public that effective measures are being taken.

c) To cooperate with and encourage airports to play an active and integral role in improving operational efficiencies.

(2) Governments (unilaterally and multilaterally)

a) To consult actively with industry to complement industry action while minimising the regulatory temptation to impose additional taxes in the form of charges and fees.

b) Whenever taxes are imposed, these should be transparently allocated to activities that will serve to reduce the industry’s impact on the environment.

c) To achieve reduction in carbon emissions by improving the effectiveness of air traffic management. Urgent steps should be made in every jurisdiction to achieve rapid improvements in that direction.
(3) Other stakeholders

a) Travelers should be provided with clear, reputable, and globally-acceptable means of off-setting their carbon footprint.

b) Leading education institutions together with the aviation industry should work to define and develop appropriate data and skills – both technical and non-technical – with the ultimate goal to support the development of a strong and effective cohort of aviation environment professionals, and promote equal accessibility to leadership positions.