



PORT MORESBY DECLARATION ON AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY

Hereafter to be referred to as “The Port Moresby Declaration”

We the Aviation Ministers:

Recognizing that the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders, at their meeting in Funafuti in 2019, tasked Aviation Ministers to consider and discuss aviation-specific matters of importance to the region, in particular: aviation safety and security, compliance with International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Standards, and opportunities for increased connectivity;

Reaffirming our commitment to the Blue Pacific vision and the development of the 2050 Strategy, as endorsed by Forum Leaders;

Reaffirming our commitment to ensure safe, secure, reliable, sustainable and cost-effective air services in line with the principles of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals and the Small Islands Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway;

Reaffirming our commitment to the *Boe Declaration on Regional Security* for strengthening existing security architecture, inclusive of regional law enforcement, to monitor and support security measures within the region;

Acknowledging our commitment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and agreement to the principles and arrangements therein;

Recognizing the *No Country Left Behind* (NCLB) initiative by ICAO to assist States in implementing ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARP) and Assembly Resolution 40-21 *Aviation’s Contribution towards the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*;

Acknowledging our commitment to the *Beijing Declaration* to implement increased aviation safety and air navigation standards within the Asia-Pacific region;

Hereby commit to;

- (i) the priorities and actions detailed in the 2021 Regional Aviation Ministerial Statement to respond to the following key challenges:
 - a) maintaining a safe, secure, resilient and sustainable aviation system;
 - b) compliance with ICAO standards, as well as obligations of the Convention on International Civil Aviation;
 - c) increasing connectivity, within the Pacific region and beyond; and
 - d) having regard to the serious impact of COVID-19 on aviation in the region
- (ii) strengthen the regulatory oversight capability, capacity and effectiveness of Member States;
- (iii) strengthen the Pacific Aviation Safety Office (PASO), as an important part of the response to the ICAO Pacific Small Island Developing States Study; and
- (iv) convene in 2022 before the ICAO Assembly, and thereafter in accordance with the Regional Aviation Ministers Meeting Charter, to monitor progress and amendments to the PICASST.

Endorsed by Pacific Island Regional Aviation Ministers at their Meeting on 30th June 2021