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Dear Council President Aliu,

We the member organisations of the International Coalition for Sustainable Aviation (ICSA) have been actively involved over the past years in the CAEP process to help develop the environmental rules covering implementation of the CORSIA. The work has been labour and resource intensive. We have been strongly committed to this work as the environmental integrity of the rules largely determine whether the CORSIA will have the intended effect of seeing emissions reductions in other sectors “compensate” for the sector’s growth in emissions over 2020 levels. We have been prominently involved in the EUC, MRV and AFTF subgroups and in proposing recommendations that were subsequently agreed at CAEP Steering Group and then submitted to the recent Council meeting.

ICSA is an accredited observer to CAEP but we have no direct access to the ICAO Council and its deliberations nor have we seen any announcements regarding its recent decisions on the CORSIA SARP package. Information we have received third hand from participants suggests however that important decisions regarding the sustainability criteria for alternative fuels and the exact status of offset quality criteria in the SARPs have undergone extensive changes from the recommendations proposed by CAEP. For instance, we understand that 10 of the 12 CAEP sustainability criteria for alternative fuels were rejected by Council. Some reports claim that the 10 rejected criteria have been returned to CAEP for further consideration.

Both these reported developments are of deep concern to ICSA because they go to the heart of issues governing the environmental sustainability of CORSIA. We seek your urgent clarification as to their status.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of ICSA

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