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**ECAC DIRECTORS GENERAL ENDORSE BRATISLAVA DECLARATION:  
EUROPE TO JOIN GLOBAL MARKET-BASED MEASURE (GMBM) SCHEME  
FROM THE START**

*Bratislava, 3 September 2016* — In the context of Europe's engagement to reduce CO2 emissions and in line with the Paris Agreement at COP21, Directors General of European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC(1)) Member States agreed to commit to being part of the GMBM scheme from its start during their DGCA meeting hosted by the Republic of Slovakia. To this effect, they have endorsed a common declaration, the Bratislava Declaration, stating:

- "They intend to implement the Global Market-Based Measure scheme for international aviation from the start;
- They welcome the commitment of a number of key aviation States and Regions of the world to also join the first implementation phase of the GMBM scheme and call on other major aviation States and those having the capacity to do so to do likewise and make their decision public before the end of the ICAO Assembly;
- They will work actively with other partners in order to reach a successful outcome at the ICAO Assembly; and
- They will strive to address, together with others, any future needs that may arise from States requiring technical assistance and capacity building in order to stand ready for the implementation of the scheme, including the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices to be developed under the future GMBM scheme."

Entire Bratislava Declaration available at: <https://www.ecac-ceac.org/ecac-documents>

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(1) The following 44 States are members of ECAC: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.

