



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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European Commission
Directorate-General Climate Action
Unit B3
B-1049 Bruxelles
Belgium

Re: United States Response to "Consultation on the policy options for market-based measures to reduce the climate change impact from international aviation."

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the United States, I write to respond to the European Commission's (EC) public consultation on the policy options for market-based measures (MBMs) to reduce the climate change impact from international aviation. The United States is committed to fostering the sustainable growth of aviation while also ensuring the protection of the environment. As part of our commitment to protect the environment, the United States has a comprehensive approach to addressing the climate impacts of aviation, and supports further progress on a global approach in ICAO.

With respect to this consultation, we will be providing responses to several of the questions. However, given the timing for submission of comments just in advance of the upcoming ICAO Assembly, we would prefer to defer our comments until after the conclusion of the Assembly. As a result, we are not providing substantive comments in this letter, but we plan to follow-up on the above-mentioned issues after Assembly.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments and input to this consultation.

Sincerely,



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