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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

It was a great honor and pleasure to meet you and discuss the leadership role the international aviation industry is playing in addressing the challenge of climate change. I very much appreciate your recognition of our successful efforts to date and your endorsement of our aggressive targets moving forward. I also welcome your offer to help us convey this positive message to the COP-15 meeting in Copenhagen.

As we discussed, aviation serves as a role model for industries seeking to reduce their carbon footprint. The IATA four-pillar strategy has already resulted in a savings of 70 million tons of CO₂. Our commitments to carbon-neutral growth from 2020, 1.5% average annual improvement in fuel efficiency until that point and a 50% reduction in net emissions by 2050 compared to 2005 levels are more ambitious than what has been proposed by the ICAO member states. The broad industry, including manufacturers, airports and air navigation service providers as well as airlines, under the leadership of IATA, is united behind these targets and we will meet them.

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Thank you again for your very warm reception, your generosity with your time and kind words of encouragement.

Sincerely,

Best regards,

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Re: IATA environmental strategy

Dear Mr Nambiar,

I attach for your early information a copy of the letter that the Director General of IATA is sending today to the Secretary General, as a follow up to the meeting this past Monday.

Thank you in advance for your kind assistance in bringing the letter to Mr Ban's attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dominique Durand".

Dominique Durand
Manager – Office of the Director General & CEO
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