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The International Air Transport Association (IATA) reiterated its call for a comprehensive global solution on aviation emissions to be negotiated through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

“To meet our ambitious targets we will need a globally-agreed approach covering the areas of technology, operations, and infrastructure as well as positive market-based- measures.

Everyone—including Europe—agrees that the solution must be a global agreement through ICAO at the 2013 Assembly. But Europe’s unilateral and extra-territorial inclusion of international aviation in its emissions trading scheme from 2012 is creating discord when we need harmony,” said Tony Tyler, IATA’s Director General and CEO.

Tyler’s remarks were made in his keynote State of the Industry address at the start of the 68th IATA Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit in Beijing, China.

The global air transport industry is committed to three sequential goals to manage its 2% share of global manmade carbon emissions. These are:

- To improve fuel efficiency 1.5% annually to 2020
- To cap net emissions from 2020 with carbon-neutral growth
- To cut net emissions in half by 2050 compared with 2005 levels

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