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STATEMENT BY SECRETARY GENERAL, AFRICAN AIRLINES ASSOCIATION (AFRAA)

On 24 November, 2009, following a keenly contested election held in Maputo, Mozambique, I was officially confirmed as the new Secretary General of the African Airlines Association (AFRAA) based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Since 18 February, 2010, it has been an honour and a privilege for me to serve as Secretary General of AFRAA, an intense period spent single-mindedly addressing the many challenges facing African airlines today.

After careful deliberation, I have now come to the conclusion that I can better serve the African Aviation industry and African airlines in my previous capacity as founder and Chief Executive Officer of African Aviation Services (AAS) rather than as Secretary General of AFRAA.

Consequently, I have tendered my resignation as AFRAA Secretary General in accordance with the terms of my contract to Mr Girma Wake, President of AFRAA.

I would like to thank the Chief Executives, management and staff of all members of AFRAA for entrusting me with the responsibility of leading the Association and for the valuable experience and insight I have gained.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Mr Giovanni Bisignani, Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for his valued support during my tenure as AFRAA Secretary General.

I am very pleased to have initiated steps to resuscitate the fortunes of AFRAA, through the '3 Rs' strategy involving improving the Association's Relevance to its members, enhancing its international Reputation and boosting its Revenues.

I look forward to supporting my successor as Secretary General, as well as the AFRAA Secretariat and all AFRAA members.

I also look forward to continuing the longstanding close relationship between AFRAA, African Aviation Services (AAS) and African Aviation Magazine in promoting aviation development in Africa, a goal which unites all of us.

Nick Fadugba

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