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### Statement by Secretary Napolitano

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"I commend the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for adopting today's Declaration on Aviation Security, which forges a historic new foundation for aviation security that will better protect the entire global aviation system from evolving terrorist threats. Following the attempted Dec. 25 terrorist attack, at the President's direction, the Department of Homeland Security has worked with ICAO and our international partners—including representatives from the private sector ranging from airline CEOs to airport authorities to aviation industry trade associations—at five regional aviation security summits on five continents in an unprecedented effort to strengthen international aviation security. The extraordinary global collaboration demonstrated by the nearly 190 ICAO countries during the ICAO General Assembly in Montreal has helped to bring about a truly 21st century international aviation security framework that will make air travel safer and more secure than ever before."

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