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**BY 2040, MEXICO WILL BE PRODUCING 50% OF THE BIOFUEL DEMAND  
REQUIRED BY THE AVIATION INDUSTRY: SCT**

- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) expressed its support for the application of sanctions on all air polluting industries.
- The International Air Transport Association (IATA) acknowledges Mexico's contribution to the reduction of the aviation industry's air emissions.

Communications and Transportation Secretary (SCT) Juan Molinar Horcasitas announced that Mexico's goal in terms of contributing to the aviation industry's reduction of CO2 emissions is to be able to produce, 30 years from now, 50 percent of the industry's biofuel needs.

During his chairing of the "Aviation and Climate Change" round table as part of the activities of Green Solutions@COP16 organized by ProMéxico and the Foreign Relations and Economy ministries, Secretary Molinar said the goal will be accomplished gradually, explaining that "production of this alternative energy will begin" by 2015.

"By 2015, in other words, just a few years around the corner, we want to be able to produce close to 40 million liters. This is just 1 percent of what the demand will be by then, but it is 40 million liters starting from practically nothing," the Communications and Transportation Secretary acknowledged.

He added that by 2020, "we will be approaching 15 percent of the demand, and the plan is that by 2040 flights will be using a mixture 50% of which will be this type of fuel. These are very ambitious goals," he asserted.

Meanwhile Roberto Kobeh, President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), called on the parties participating in the Conference of the Parties (COP16) to unanimously reach an agreement establishing international regulations to sanction any industry that harms the environment with greenhouse gases, as is the case with civil aviation.

"Let's remember that this a global problem requiring global solutions, not regional or bilateral ones," Roberto Kobeh pointed out.

Patricio Sepúlveda, Regional Vice-President of the International Air Transport Association (IATA), acknowledged Mexico's efforts in contributing towards the reduction of air emissions through fuel-saving and route-optimizing strategies and measures for aviation companies.

Also present at the round table were experts and representatives from companies such as KLM and Air Transport Action Group.



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