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Meeting report: CAB-VALEAN meeting IAG - Fit-for-55 - 31/01/22

On 31/01/22, CAB-VALEAN met with International Airlines Group – [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] on their request to present their views on the latest developments regarding the Fit-for-55 legislative process, in particular ReFuelEU Aviation.

Main point from IAG

- Priority for IAG is to recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. Traffic levels are picking up again but some corporate traffic might never come back. IAG customer mix will evolve. IAG experiencing higher costs all along the supply chain as a result of the crisis.
- IAG first airlines group in the world to commit to net zero emissions by 2050 and 10% SAF by 2030.
- IAG see Commission's study on COVID-19 impacts on aviation as very important. It will be key for airlines and policies to help restore passenger confidence, as passengers are currently afraid of getting infected, and rules changing.
- Airlines need help to invest in customer experience and in the green transition.
- Green technologies such as commercial aircraft operating on liquid hydrogen and electricity will emerge only by 2035. SAF is not currently available at scale.
- IAG calls to reduce the SAF mandate to intra-EU scope and to amend the timing in order to avoid carbon leakage and competitive disadvantage for EU airlines.