JOINT STATEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

Zero Emission Aviation Partnership

The United Kingdom

And

The Kingdom of the Netherlands

The United Kingdom (UK) and the Netherlands share the same ambitions on becoming climate neutral by 2050. Both countries recognise that the transition towards a more sustainable aviation sector will require continued innovation, investment and close cooperation between governments, industry and knowledge institutions. We welcome the ambition being shown by industry in our respective countries in this area and seek to encourage this continued innovation.

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The UK and the Netherlands already cooperate closely on the topic of sustainable aviation, including through the International Civil Aviation Organisation, European Civil Aviation Conference, and International Aviation Climate Ambition Coalition.

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The UK and the Netherlands acknowledge that sustained joint working between a range of organisations will be needed in areas such as financing, airport infrastructure and regulation in order to be able to bring new technologies into commercial operation.

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The UK and the Netherlands recognise the need for further cross-border cooperation between the public and private sector to address these issues in order to advance the sustainable aviation industry.

Against this background both governments will seek to:

- **Identify and address barriers** to enable the early deployment and operation of future zero emission aircraft;

- **Strengthen connections** between the UK and Dutch aviation ecosystems and explore opportunities for collaboration between governments, companies, knowledge institutions, NGOs and research institutions, including in the development, realisation and early deployment of (hybrid) electric and hydrogen aircraft, building on existing partnerships and initiatives;

- **Highlight and strengthen** the UK-NL leadership and cooperation in innovation for future aviation energy carriers and zero-emission routes between the UK and the Netherlands as a first-mover region for early deployment in operation of future aircraft;
- **Explore the potential** for joint work between the UK and the Netherlands through the zero-emission aviation partnership;

- **Position this cooperation** within the wider sustainable aviation agenda of both countries, as a concrete step on which other initiatives can build.

Both governments declare their intention to set up a dialogue through which the aforementioned points can be jointly addressed and discussed, involving industry, knowledge institutions and other relevant stakeholders. This structure builds on the existing UK-NL cooperation on aviation.

Signed in Liverpool, UK, November 3rd 2026