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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES LAUNCHED FROM A SOLAR AIRPLANE WHILE FLYING OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

22 June 2016 – Dr. Bertrand Piccard, Initiator and Chairman of Solar Impulse, currently in the cockpit of Solar Impulse 2 flying over the Atlantic Ocean without a drop of fuel, together with André Borschberg, Co-Founder and CEO, supervising the flight from the Mission Control Center in Monaco, announced the intention to create the INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES (ICCT). Beyond the attempt to achieve the first Round-The-World Solar Flight, Solar Impulse will continue its efforts to advocate that concrete energy efficient solutions can solve many of the challenges facing global society today.

The Committee, created in the form of a non-governmental organization (NGO), is intended to regroup the main global actors in the field of clean technologies to bring independent and credible guidance on energy policy to governments and corporations alike. As one of the direct legacies of the Solar Impulse project, it will initially be backed by the Solar Impulse Foundation.

Building on the [#futureisclean initiative](#) launched ahead of COP21 – of which H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco, Richard Branson and Kofi Annan are patrons – the NGO's mission will be to act as a common voice for the close to 400 global organizations that have joined forces to promote concrete solutions for a clean future.

“Until recently, protecting the environment was expensive and threatened our society’s comfort, mobility and growth. Today, thanks to modern clean technologies, the energy consumption of the world, and therefore the CO2 emissions, could be divided by two, while creating jobs and enhancing profits. The International Committee of Clean Technologies will work in this direction,” commented Bertrand Piccard, currently at the controls of the zero-fuel airplane.

“The International Committee of Clean Technologies is a fantastic opportunity to bring together a group of experts, with diverse experiences and backgrounds, to speak in one voice and leverage the efforts needed to bring change and influence global decision makers in the areas of clean technologies and renewable energy,” added André Borschberg.

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