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aviation accounts for about 2 per cent of human-generated global carbon dioxide emissions. This book discusses the IPCC's medium-range estimate forecasts that by 2050 the global aviation industry can emit about 3 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions.