

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
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A RESOLUTION FOCUSING ON AVIATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 50th meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Air transport generates significant economic and social benefits and contributes to human development goals;
- II. Air transport has demonstrated environmental responsibility by continuously investing in new technologies, improving fuel efficiency by 70% over the last three decades;
- III. Air transport nevertheless generates 2% of total man-made emissions of carbon dioxide, which is believed to contribute to global warming;
- IV. Despite uncertainties over the overall impact of aviation on climate change, there is a fundamental role for the industry to play in mitigating the effects of emissions, contributing to efforts to address climate change;
- V. Mitigating the overall effects of greenhouse gas emissions on possible climate change is a global responsibility that must be borne by all countries, sectors and elements of society;
- VI. The International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) global leadership and authority must be respected when developing an appropriate response to climate change in relation to the aviation industry;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VII. The aviation industry is highly competitive, with fuel as a significant cost element, giving airlines and manufacturers every incentive to maintain continuous investments in new technologies and efficient operating procedures to minimise fuel burn and thus related emissions;
- VIII. Continued research in airframe and engine technology development is expected to offer further incremental improvements in fuel efficiency and emissions;
- IX. More efficient use of airspace and airport operations would yield additional efficiency gains, but air navigation service providers and airport operators currently lack the proper incentives;
- X. Additional taxes on aviation would not be effective in curbing demand for air travel, and would undermine the ability of the industry to make further investments in new technologies;
- XI. Voluntary initiatives and market-based measures are therefore the preferred policy tools in addressing the impact of aviation on climate change;
- XII. Aviation is by its nature an international industry requiring globally harmonised measures, otherwise competitive distortions would negate any expected benefit from regional initiatives;

RESOLVES:

- XIII. TO URGE governments to continue supporting research in airframe and engine technology which offers notable emission reductions;
- XIV. TO URGE governments to recognise that environmental levies would be ineffective and that voluntary initiatives and market-based measures are more appropriate tools;
- XV. TO URGE governments, airports and air navigation service providers to explore ways to improve the efficiency of airspace utilisation and airport operations to realise identified gains in fuel efficiency and reduction in the environmental impact of aviation; and

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XVI. TO URGE governments to work collaboratively within the ICAO framework in addressing the impact of aviation on climate change.

APPROVED this 17th day of November 2006.

Certified correct:



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