

ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES

RESOLUTION NO. 7

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A RESOLUTION FOCUSING ON SAFETY OVERSIGHT

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Air travel remains the safest mode of commercial transportation and that governments and stakeholders seek continued improvement in the safety, efficiency and effectiveness of the air transportation system;
- II. Governments and their regulatory agencies are responsible for developing the necessary legislative framework to ensure compliance with ICAO's standards and recommended practices (SARPs) as provided in the Annexes to the Chicago Convention and the associated guidance material;
- III. Regulatory agencies are responsible for the safety oversight of air carriers under their jurisdiction with the aim of ensuring that consistent high standards are maintained;
- IV. Air carriers are responsible and accountable for the implementation and management of safety requirements within the framework established by the applicable regulatory agencies;

BELIEVING THAT:

- V. Safety management systems, as defined by ICAO, are applicable to regulators, airlines, airports and air traffic management;
- VI. The continued growth of the aviation industry, and proliferation of new airlines and aircraft types, has placed new and significant strains on the resources of the relevant regulatory agencies in some countries, potentially jeopardising the effective exercise of proper oversight and accountability;

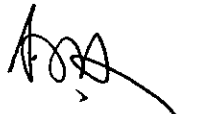
- VII. In making the best use of limited resources, some elements of safety oversight can effectively be delegated by the regulator, within the safeguards provided by an effective safety management system, without relinquishing overall accountability;
- VIII. Cooperative and joint oversight of air transport, applying harmonised mutually accepted standards and procedures, fully supports a safe, secure, efficient and profitable air transport industry;

RESOLVES TO URGE Governments and their regulatory agencies:

- IX. To fully implement safety management systems, as defined by ICAO, within their own organisations, and encourage similar actions by airlines, airports and air traffic management organisations;
- X. To recognise the benefits of delegation, and sharing responsibility for regulatory oversight, without relinquishing overall accountability and responsibility; and
- XI. To work cooperatively with other regulators to develop and apply mutually accepted standards and procedures in support of a safe, secure, efficient and profitable air transport industry.

APPROVED this 17th day of November 2006.

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