

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 5
Series of 2007**

A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION SAFETY INVESTIGATIONS

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 51st meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. The excellent safety record of the airline industry reflects the benefits of proper regulation, a commitment to a culture of safety, the sharing of best practices, and a readiness to learn from past experience and errors;
- II. In the event of any aviation accident, or incident, it is the responsibility of the relevant airworthiness authorities to promptly initiate an investigation supported by appropriate resources;
- III. The primary aim of accident and incident investigations is to determine the probable cause and contributory factors;
- IV. The main value of proper accident investigation lies in sharing lessons learned in order to enhance future safety performance;
- V. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Annex 13 "Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigations" encourages Contracting States to adopt actions to protect the sources of safety information rather than to focus on punitive sanctions;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VI. Failure to carry out timely accident investigations represents a lost opportunity and in certain cases may undermine the confidence of the travelling public in the safety and security of air travel;

- VII. It is in the public interest that the findings of safety investigation reports are published in a timely fashion so that lessons learned can influence any necessary regulatory actions and operational changes;
- VIII. Pressure from external parties regarding premature disclosure of partial findings or tentative conclusions should be resisted in order to maintain the objectivity of the accident investigation;

RESOLVES:

- IX. TO CALL on governments to effectively expedite safety investigations using their own resources, supplemented where necessary by services provided by other competent authorities; and
- X. TO CALL on governments and industry to work together in reviewing the outcome of relevant safety investigations, in order to develop recommendations on future regulatory actions aimed at further improving aviation safety in a cost effective manner.

APPROVED this 16th day of November 2007.

Certified correct:



ANDREW HERDMAN
Director General

Attested by:



APINAN SUMANASENI
AAPA Chairman – 2007