

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 9
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A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR CONTINUING LIBERALISATION

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Air transport is governed by a regulatory framework established by the Convention on International Civil Aviation ("Chicago Convention") of 1944;
- II. Progressive liberalisation has allowed airlines to meet the rapidly growing demand for air travel;
- III. On a global level, the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), has established a forum to discuss liberalisation issues in air transport;
- IV. Regional forums, including Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), have also promoted the continued development of international aviation;
- V. A key feature of air services agreements are the national ownership and control criteria which airlines must fulfil as a condition of being granted permission to operate commercial air transport services;
- VI. ICAO has made recommendations to broaden airline designation criteria;
- VII. The desired pace of liberalisation varies amongst different countries and different regions;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VIII. Progressive liberalisation will continue to generate wider economic and social benefits both regionally and globally;

- IX. A more liberalised air transport environment can allow airlines greater commercial freedom to compete, offer wider and better choices for the travelling public, and facilitate industry consolidation;

RESOLVES:

- X. TO CALL on governments to recognise the benefits of further progressive and orderly liberalisation of the air transport industry; and
- XI. TO CALL on governments to positively consider the application of broader definitions of ownership and control, to facilitate the efficient development of the global air transport industry, in accordance with the recommendations of the ICAO 5th Worldwide Air Transport Conference (ATConf/5) in March 2003.

APPROVED this 16th day of November 2007.

Certified correct:



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