

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO. 9  
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**A RESOLUTION FOCUSING ON AVIATION SECURITY ENHANCEMENT**

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 46<sup>th</sup> meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. civil aviation is facing a different category of threat than ever experienced, which needs to be dealt with in an urgent, effective, and efficient manner;
- II. although air travel remains the safest mode of commercial transportation, there is a global requirement to meet higher levels of aviation security;
- III. the AAPA is committed to take all possible steps to continuously improve aviation safety and security;
- IV. security threats and acts of unlawful interference must be prevented on the ground;
- V. flight and cabin crews are the last line of defense and need improved security training, but the use of lethal weapons in flight by crew members can have unintended consequences;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VI. a security threat against an airline is a threat against a country and its citizens;
- VII. governments have a direct responsibility to ensure safety in the air and on the ground;
- VIII. aviation security and its funding, which includes the protection of its citizens in the air and on the ground, should be the governments' responsibility;
- IX. any new security measures or standards should be harmonized globally, to facilitate safe and secure passenger and cargo movement;

RESOLVES:

- X. TO REINFORCE the need for the States to provide for costs of aviation security;
- XI. TO ENCOURAGE security training for crew members;
- XII. TO OPPOSE arming flight crews with lethal weapons;
- XIII. TO OPPOSE the carriage of ammunition, firearms, and other weapons in aircraft, except as authorized;
- XIV. TO SUPPORT the ICAO Standard with respect to enhanced aviation security measures; and
- XV. TO ENDORSE the concept of a globally agreed security audit/oversight process which is mandatory, harmonized and coordinated between ICAO and national authorities.

APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002 in Cebu, Philippines.

Certified correct:

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