

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
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**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A STANDARDISED REGIME ON
ADVANCE PASSENGER INFORMATION**

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 47th meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Governments have been adopting comprehensive border control measures in view of perceived threats of terrorism to their national security;
- II. The use of information has become an integral component in governments' intelligence gathering efforts;
- III. More and more governments are enacting regulations to require airlines to provide advance passenger information;
- IV. These regulations place operational and financial burdens on airlines due to unrealistic implementation deadlines, onerous data requirements and punitive financial penalties for non-compliance;
- V. Certain policies that require the transfer of data not in passengers' travel document may violate data privacy laws, where they exist, when passengers do not consent to it;

RESOLVES TO:

- VI. CALL on governments, if and when requiring advance passenger information, to restrict the required data to the machine-readable portions of travel documents and to adopt a gradual approach in implementation;
- VII. CALL on governments to refrain from imposing punitive charges when airlines are unable to comply fully with requirements, due to events outside their control; and

- VIII. URGE governments to recognise the existence of data privacy laws in other jurisdictions and to work with their counterparts in resolving the potential conflict between the transfer of data and these privacy laws.

APPROVED this 24th day of October 2003 in Jeju, Republic of Korea.

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