

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 7
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**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE ICAO POSITION ON
AIRCRAFT EMISSIONS**

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 48th Meeting duly assembled,

NOTING THAT:

- I. The 41st Assembly in 1997 passed a resolution proposing that governments recognise the role of ICAO as the sole authority entrusted with the task of formulating binding regulations on emissions by civil aircraft;
- II. The current trend towards unilateral environmental rulemaking has increased the need to reinforce the terms and recommendations of that resolution;

RECOGNISING THAT:

- III. The improvements in aircraft and engine technology, efficiencies made in the air traffic system, and implementation of operational measures will bring environmental benefits, but will not fully offset the projected growth of aviation and resulting increase in engine emissions, in absolute terms;
- IV. Policy options considered by ICAO with a focus on reducing aircraft emissions are emission charges, emission trading and voluntary measures;

BELIEVING THAT:

- V. Emissions levies (taxes and charges) result in fare increases and consequently suppress passenger demand;
- VI. A workable emissions trading system would need further analysis on a global basis and across all contributing industries before implementation;

- VII. Only voluntary measures (early retirement of aircraft, technology improvement and introduction of operational measures) deliver real environmental benefits in the near term, allowing acceptable aviation growth rates;

RESOLVES TO URGE STATES:

- VIII. TO NOT TAKE unilateral action by the introduction of mandatory charges on aircraft emissions, recognising such action has the potential to result in market distortions;
- IX. TO REFRAIN FROM other unilateral measures that would be harmful to the development of international civil aviation, and to follow current guidance contained in the ICAO resolution A33-7;
- X. TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT the interests of all parties concerned, including the travelling public and all those whose economic well being depends on the availability of competitively priced air transport for both passengers and cargo, in evaluating the costs and benefits of various measures with the goal of addressing aircraft engine emissions in the most cost-effective manner; and
- XI. TO RECOGNISE the efforts made to date by the aviation industry to reduce emissions and to adopt measures designed to encourage further voluntary efforts.

APPROVED this 26th day of November 2004.

Certified correct:

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