

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
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**A RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNMENTS TO EXPEDITE THEIR EFFORTS
TO STREAMLINE THE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE OF PASSENGERS**

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Enhanced security requirements and identification processes worldwide are undeniably important but have led to a deterioration in the overall travel experience of air passengers;
- II. Stakeholders involved in the complete journey of air passengers not only include airlines and airports, but also government entities such as immigration, customs and passport departments;
- III. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has adopted a global, harmonized blueprint for the integration of biometric identification information into Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs), selecting facial recognition as the globally interoperable biometric for machine-assisted identity confirmation with MRTDs;
- IV. Joint efforts are already being made by the aviation industry and technology providers for the trial application of the new technologies in airport environments, using biometrics for automatic check-in and verification to streamline passengers' journeys. However, not all such trials have the support of their respective government entities;

BELIEVING THAT:

- V. The increased use of the ICAO standardised biometric-enhanced MRTDs will lead to speedier passage of travellers through airport controls, heightened aviation security and added protection against identity theft;
- VI. New technologies and biometrics could be adopted not only to enhance security but also to improve the travel experience of air passengers;

RESOLVES:

- VII. TO CALL on Governments to devote resources and to expedite decision making to establish common standards for biometric-enhanced MRTDs and for their cross-border deployment as rapidly as possible; and
- VIII. TO CALL on Governments to take the lead in or join in the initiatives by the aviation industry to streamline the travel experience of air passengers, while remaining vigilant of security and border control requirements.

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