

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO. 7  
Series of 2005**

**A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE CALL FOR  
FAIR AND REASONABLE USER CHARGES**

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 49<sup>th</sup> meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. ICAO provides guidance on taxation on international air transport set out in Doc 8632 "ICAO's Policies on Taxation in the Field of International Air Transport";
- II. To promote sustainable growth, ICAO recommends that international air services should remain exempt from fuel taxes and similar charges, since these would simply be barriers to further economic development;
- III. Airlines today face numerous and increasing cost pressures in the form of operating costs, taxes and charges that directly affect commercial growth;
- IV. AAPA has in the past adopted resolutions calling on airports and aeronautical service providers to adopt cost recovery regimes according to ICAO principles, including Resolution No. 10, Series of 2002, "A RESOLUTION REITERATING CALLS ON AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND AERONAUTICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS TO ADOPT FAIR AND EQUITABLE CHARGES", as attached and form part of this Resolution;

BELIEVING THAT:

- V. Airports still do not provide sufficiently transparent cost disclosures;
- VI. Current levels of airport charges remain excessive and disproportionate to the cost structure of airports; and

RESOLVES:

VII. TO RENEW THE CALL on airport authorities to adopt transparent, fair and reasonable charges in accordance with ICAO principles.

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2005.

Certified correct:

Attested by:

ANDREW HERDMAN  
Director General

PHILIP CHEN  
AAPA Chairman – 2005

ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO. 10  
Series of 2002

A RESOLUTION REITERATING CALLS ON AIRPORT AUTHORITIES  
AND AERONAUTICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO ADOPT  
FAIR AND EQUITABLE CHARGES

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

NOTING THAT:

- I. the AAPA has in the past adopted numerous resolutions calling on airport authorities and aeronautical service providers to adopt cost recovery regimes according to ICAO principles;
- II. the rationale for these resolutions are even more valid in the current environment of increased cost pressures on airlines and of imperative for total transparency by authorities' on cost disclosures;
- III. in particular, Resolution No. 9, Series of 2000, "A RESOLUTION CALLING ON AIRPORT AUTHORITIES TO ADOPT A FAIR AND EQUITABLE COST RECOVERY REGIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH ICAO PRINCIPLES" and Resolution No. 8, Series of 1998, "A RESOLUTION ON AIRPORT AND AERONAUTICAL SERVICES CHARGES", as attached and form part of this Resolution, underscore AAPA's positions regarding charges regimes;

RESOLVES:

- IV. TO REITERATE CALLS on airport authorities and aeronautical service providers to adopt fair and equitable charges according to ICAO principles, following full and upfront consultation with airlines.

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

Certified correct:

Attested by:



RICHARD T STIRLAND  
Director General



AVELINO L. ZAPANTA  
AAPA Chairman – 2002

Attached are the two past resolutions that form part of Resolution 10 Series 2002:<sup>i</sup>

1. Resolution No.8, Series 1998
2. Resolution No.9, Series 2000

# ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES

## RESOLUTION NO. 8 Series of 1998

### A RESOLUTION ON AIRPORT AND AERONAUTICAL SERVICES CHARGES

Noting that:

- I. the air transport industry has been among the worst affected sectors of the regional economies as a consequence of the Asian financial and economic crisis;
- II. the combination of falling traffic and declining yields has spurred member airlines of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines to take drastic steps to soften the financial impact of the crisis, including trimming manpower, freezing pay, reducing fleet size, and reviewing every cost component;
- III. airport charges and aeronautical service fees paid by airlines comprise a huge portion of an airline's operating expenses;
- IV. airport operators, air traffic service providers, and airport authorities can help ensure the viability and health of the airline industry by not levying onerous fees and charges on airlines' operations;

Now, therefore, the AAPA Assembly of Presidents, in its 42<sup>nd</sup> Meeting duly assembled:

RESOLVES, as it is herein resolved;

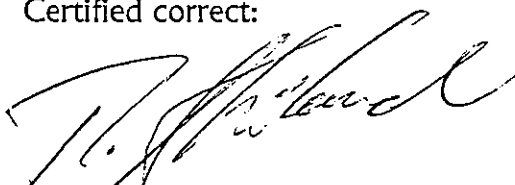
- V. TO CALL on airport operators, air traffic service providers, and airport authorities to be cognizant of the crucial role airlines play in stimulating economic activity and of the wider benefits the aviation industry brings to the country as a whole;
- VI. TO CALL for a reduction of airport and aeronautical services charges or deferral of any increases as a means to partially alleviate the current woes of the airline industry in the Asia Pacific region; and for airlines' rights to pass on increased charges to passengers;

VII. TO URGE governments, airport owners, and air traffic service providers to adhere on a continuing basis to the ICAO principles governing charges, which dictate that charges must be fair, reasonable, cost-based, non-discriminatory, transparent, equitably allocated, according to user requirements and utilisation, and gradual in implementation; and to avoid levying other charges such as fuel surcharges and terminal building charges that are not utilisation attributable to the airline users;

VIII. TO URGE governments to establish an oversight or control scheme for supervising and monitoring activities of airport operators, air traffic service providers, and airport authorities, to ensure that airport and aeronautical services charges continue to remain true to ICAO's principles.

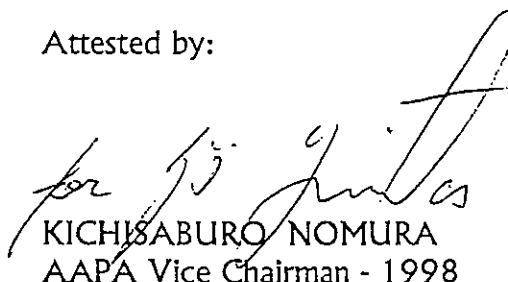
APPROVED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1998 in Manila, Philippines.

Certified correct:



RICHARD T STIRLAND  
Director General

Attested by:



KICHISABURO NOMURA  
AAPA Vice Chairman - 1998

ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO. 9  
Series of 2000

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON AIRPORT AUTHORITIES TO ADOPT  
A FAIR AND EQUITABLE COST RECOVERY REGIME  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ICAO PRINCIPLES

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 44<sup>th</sup> meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. the air transport industry is burdened with high airport user fees which contribute significantly to its overall operating cost;
- II. these fee levels are often disproportionate to the cost structure of airports;
- III. recent moves to corporatise airport authorities in the region put additional pressure on operators to achieve high returns, leading to the imposition of unreasonable and unjustifiable fees on the air transport industry;

RESOLVES:

- IV. TO CALL on airport authorities to ensure transparency in all cost information provided to airlines and to refrain from the imposition of unjustified charges that result in an undue financial burden being placed on the airline industry;
- V. TO SEEK a reasonable, cost based fee regime which does not discriminate between operators and/or potential operators at airports and which is in line with ICAO guidelines;
- VI. TO URGE airport authorities to establish regular and meaningful consultation with the airline industry regarding fee structure and service levels.



APPROVED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 2000 in Auckland, New Zealand.

Certified correct:



RICHARD T STIRLAND  
Director General

Attested by:



SIR SELWYN CUSHING  
AAPA Chairman - 2000