

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
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A RESOLUTION FOCUSING ON AIR CARGO SECURITY

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 52nd meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Air transport is a major contributor to global economic prosperity, facilitating economic growth, particularly in developing countries, and transports goods representing 35% by value of all international trade;
- II. The aviation industry has consistently placed the highest priority on ensuring the safety and security of passengers, cargo, aircraft and employees;
- III. Each Contracting State of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has the responsibility to develop and implement a national cargo security programme, as required under ICAO Annex 17, and to resource it accordingly;
- IV. ICAO has the responsibility of security oversight of its Contracting States through its Universal Security Audit Program (USAP);
- V. Governments have the responsibility to define security standards and requirements for air transport based on a balanced assessment of potential threats and risks, weighed against the costs imposed on society by such measures;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VI. Effective and efficient security measures should be based on commonly agreed methodologies for threat and risk assessments;
- VII. Adequate measures should be in place to ensure that cargo consignments are protected from theft, pilferage and unauthorised access;

- VIII. Proper consultation between governments, airlines and airports is essential to ensure that applicable security measures are practical, technologically feasible, operationally efficient and cost-effective;
- IX. The application of commonly agreed security measures and standards throughout the supply chain can significantly reduce the need for repeated inspections or screening;
- X. The selection of points in the supply chain where cargo inspections are required should reflect an assessment of potential threats and risks, recognising the benefits of performing such checks early in the process, provided cargo remains secure and properly protected whilst in transit.

RESOLVES:

- XI. TO CALL on governments to establish aviation security measures in a manner that strikes an effective balance between the requirements of national security and the need for efficient cargo facilitation;
- XII. TO CALL on governments to institute effective and efficient security measures that are based on a balanced assessment of potential threats and risks weighed against the costs imposed on society by such measures;
- XIII. TO CALL on governments to establish effective and efficient cargo facilitation, by adopting mutually recognised standards and security procedures, with the goal of reducing unnecessary duplication of effort; and
- XIV. TO CALL on governments to work with other governments and international authorities towards granting mutual recognition of national cargo security regimes including regulated agent and known shipper programmes.

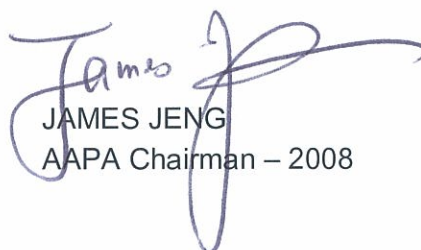
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