

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO. 5  
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**A RESOLUTION ON ENHANCING FLIGHT SAFETY INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 58<sup>th</sup> meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Governments and the air transport industry working in partnership have made commercial aviation the safest form of travel, and are responsible for maintaining the highest levels of safety and security for the travelling public;
- II. Article 3bis of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* and relevant ICAO provisions condemns the use of weapons against civil aircraft in flight without prejudice to the provisions of the *Charter of the United Nations*;
- III. States are responsible for providing the necessary information and updates on the status of designated airspace including areas that may be affected by conflict;
- IV. United Nations Security Council Resolution 2166 urges all States to cooperate fully with efforts to establish accountability for the downing of flight MH17 on 17 July 2014;
- V. The ICAO Council has urged States to take all necessary measures to safeguard the safety of air navigation, including the establishment of robust arrangements to identify, assess and share information and respond to risks to civil aircraft from activities in conflict zones;

NOTING THAT:

- VI. Air transport is a global industry crossing international boundaries which may lead to flight operations over zones of conflict;

- VII. Airlines and air navigation service providers plan the most appropriate flight routings, consistent with maintaining the highest levels of safety and security for the travelling public;
- VIII. The present Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) system remains fit for purpose, but could benefit from further enhancement;
- IX. Subject to published airspace restrictions, airspace users are responsible for deciding where to fly based on comprehensive risk assessment and established safety management systems;

**BELIEVING THAT:**

- X. All governments have a responsibility to support efforts to identify and bring to justice those who commit acts of aggression against civil aviation;
- XI. To prevent future attacks on civil aviation, the international community must review and strengthen international laws and conventions governing the usage of military weapons such as surface-to-air weapons;
- XII. The development of an augmented distribution system for information exchange could facilitate more effective sharing of conflict zone risk information;

**RESOLVES:**

- XIII. TO URGE governments to take the necessary actions to identify and bring to justice those accountable for aggressive acts against civil aviation;
- XIV. TO URGE governments to strengthen international laws and conventions governing the usage of military weapons such as surface-to-air weapons to prevent future attacks on civil aviation;
- XV. TO URGE governments to improve efforts in the timely sharing of accurate intelligence and information related to flight safety on a global basis;
- XVI. TO URGE governments to support the development of an augmented distribution system for the enhanced sharing of conflict zone risk information.

APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2014.

Certified correct:

Attested by:

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