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AAPA COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO EU ETS

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia – On 16 October, the European Commission (EC) published new proposals to extend the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) to all flights within EU airspace.

Responding to the announcement, the Director General of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA), Mr. Andrew Herdman said, “We view this development with concern. The inclusion of international airlines without the consent of their respective governments is likely to meet with strong opposition, particularly from major developing countries. This runs counter to the substance and spirit of the agreement reached earlier this month at the ICAO 38th Assembly.”

Mr. Herdman added, “We cannot afford to jeopardize the good progress that has been made in reaching a consensus on the development of a global market based measure (MBM) to be implemented by 2020. That’s where our collective efforts should be focused.”

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The AAPA is the trade association for scheduled international airlines based in the Asia-Pacific region. The AAPA permanent secretariat is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with international representation in Brussels and Washington, D.C. Collectively, the region’s airlines carry 705 million passengers and 16 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-quarter of global passenger traffic and two-fifths of global air cargo traffic respectively, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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