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A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION SUSTAINABILITY

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 70th meeting duly assembled.

RECOGNISING THAT:

I. The long-term success of the aviation sector is tied to effective and sustained decarbonisation;

II. Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) is an important pillar of the roadmap to achieving the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Long-Term Global Aspirational Goal (LTAG) of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, along with technology, operational efficiency, and offsets in the form of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA);

III. AAPA has previously resolved to strive towards a collective target of 5% SAF utilisation in total fuel uplifted by 2030, as set out in Resolution No. 4 Series of 2023 “A RESOLUTION ON SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUELS”; and reaffirmed in Resolution No. 4 Series of 2025 “A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION SUSTAINABILITY”;

IV. Achieving this target depends on strong and consistent support from governments, fuel suppliers and other stakeholders;

V. Many governments across the Asia Pacific have begun developing and implementing SAF policy;

VI. Global SAF production levels remain insufficient to meet the airline industry’s projected requirement of approximately 500 million tonnes of SAF by 2050;

NOTING THAT:

VII. The 61st Conference of Directors General of Civil Aviation (DGCA/61) recognised the key role of SAF and other cleaner aviation energies, and encouraged States to adopt policy measures consistent with the ICAO LTAG, to support the ICAO Global Framework for Sustainable Aviation Fuel, Lower Carbon Aviation Fuel and other clean energies;

VIII. Policies on SAF are being developed by regulators at different speeds and in different forms across States, while production capacity, infrastructure and feedstock availability vary widely across the region;

IX. A lack of alignment may lead to fragmented requirements, higher compliance burdens and uneven competition among airlines;

BELIEVING THAT:

X. Long-term policy clarity, and support for all participants in the SAF value chain, are essential to attract investment and build cost-competitive supply in the Asia Pacific region;

XI. Greater alignment of SAF policies, and recognition of SAF benefits across related aviation and climate policy instruments, will reduce operational burdens and give all stakeholders an integrated framework;

RESOLVES:

XII. To reaffirm their full support for the implementation of the ICAO Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) as the only global market-based measure to address future emissions from international aviation;

XIII. To call on Governments to take a leadership role and adopt the following key policy principles as the basis for national and regional SAF policies:

i) Adopt an ecosystem approach to scaling up SAF**,** involving all stakeholders in the SAF value chain;

ii) Encourage SAF production by providing long-term policy clarity and assistance to SAF ecosystem players, while adapting policies to national readiness, infrastructure capacity and feedstock availability;

iii) Discourage market concentration by enabling supply-side and market-based mechanisms that promote competition and reduce cost barriers to accelerate aviation's decarbonisation transition;
iv) Ensure a level playing field, with the same policies applicable to all airlines in a transparent manner;
v) Adopt a technology-neutral, performance-based approach that encourages SAF with greater GHG emissions reductions;
vi) Establish clear SAF criteria and certification requirements from the outset, ideally requiring CORSIA-certified SAF;
vii) Pursue harmonisation of policies globally and within States, to ensure an integrated approach for all stakeholders across different aviation and climate change policy instruments; and
viii) Allow flexibility for airlines in procuring SAF, including formal acceptance of book-and-claim within a region.

Approved this 13th day of November 2026.

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