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**A RESOLUTION ON AIRSPACE RISK ASSESSMENT**

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 59<sup>th</sup> meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Commercial aviation is the safest form of travel with more than 100,000 flights operating safely each day;
- II. Following the tragic loss of MH17, ICAO established a special task force on Risks to Civil Aviation arising from Conflict Zones to examine ways in which the availability of information on the potential hazards to aircraft operations in areas of conflict could be enhanced;
- III. ICAO developed an online centralised global information repository to enable States to distribute additional risk information related to operations in the vicinity of conflict zones, supplementing existing information channels including notices to airmen (NOTAM), aeronautical information circulars (AIC) and aeronautical information publication (AIP);
- IV. ICAO has clearly stated the legal framework in place governing the respective roles and responsibilities of States, air carriers and international organizations with regard to risks to civil aviation arising in national airspace;
- V. States are responsible for issuing risk advisories regarding any threats to the safety of civilian aircraft operating in their airspace, such threats including, but not limited to armed conflicts, ash clouds, missile and rocket launches;
- VI. States are responsible for ensuring the safety of civil aircraft operations through proper civil and military coordination as outlined in the ICAO circular on Civil/Military Cooperation in Air Traffic Management (Cir 330);

- VII. Only States have the authority to reroute airline traffic, place operating restrictions on or close airspace under their responsibility;
- VIII. Air carriers are responsible for conducting comprehensive assessments of safety and operational risks using a variety of information sources, including those communicated by States, and/or third parties for regular flight operations planning purposes;

NOTING THAT:

- IX. It is the responsibility of States to provide clear and accurate guidance regarding risks and threats to civil aviation in a timely manner;
- X. The recently established ICAO Conflict Zone Information Repository provides the opportunity for States to provide air carriers and the travelling public with additional information on risks and threats;

RESOLVES:

- XI. TO URGE governments to provide accurate and timely information regarding threats and risks to civil aviation, including those associated with conflict zones;
- XII. TO URGE governments to review the effectiveness of the global Conflict Zone Information Repository and the associated information sharing process in providing timely guidance to air carriers and air navigation service providers.

APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015.

Certified correct:



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