

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO. 7  
Series of 2015**

**A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Aviation provides global connectivity and indirectly supports 58 million jobs and \$2.4 trillion in economic activity;
- II. Passengers expect air travel to be safe, secure and environmentally sustainable;
- III. The United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC) has recognised that the issue of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from international aviation should be handled by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO);
- IV. ICAO has established the Environment Advisory Group (EAG), with the responsibility to oversee and coordinate ICAO's work on developing policy proposals including a global market based measure (GMBM) for international aviation;
- V. The aviation industry, coordinated by the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), has committed to ambitious environmental goals, to be achieved using a combination of technology, operations and infrastructure improvements, and alternative fuels, supplemented by a GMBM;
- VI. AAPA has in the past called for the support of ICAO efforts to develop a GMBM as outlined in Resolution No. 4, Series of 2014, "A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT";

NOTING THAT:

- VII. The main focus of the ICAO EAG work programme is on developing the framework of a GMBM scheme for future agreement by governments at the ICAO 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly in 2016;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VIII. It is crucial for governments to reach consensus on the form of a GMBM which reconciles the differing interests and needs of developed and developing States and their air carriers;
- IX. The GMBM needs to be global in scope, should allocate obligations in a fair and equitable manner that avoids competitive market distortions, and be easy to administer worldwide;

RESOLVES:

- X. TO REITERATE THE CALL on governments to continue to work in partnership with the air transport industry to develop and implement environmental measures that support sustainable growth;
- XI. TO REITERATE THE CALL on governments to work towards implementing a GMBM for aviation that is fair and equitable, avoids competitive market distortion, and reconciles the differing interests and perspectives of developed and developing nations, with the aim of reaching an agreement at the ICAO 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly in 2016 for implementation in 2020.

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

Certified correct:



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