

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 4
Series of 2016**

A RESOLUTION ON SAFETY OVERSIGHT

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 60th meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Safety is always the aviation industry's first priority;
- II. National regulatory agencies are responsible for the effective implementation of International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs);
- III. Some States, including the United States and the European Union, carry out their own assessments of the performance of other national aviation authorities in implementing effective oversight and compliance with international standards;
- IV. AAPA has previously called for the enhancement of regulatory oversight in Resolution No. 4, Series of 2015, "A RESOLUTION ON SAFETY OVERSIGHT";

NOTING THAT:

- V. An increasing number of national regulatory authorities are introducing additional oversight programmes for foreign air carriers;
- VI. Some national regulatory authorities are taking punitive action against foreign air carriers when audits of their respective regulatory authorities identify deficiencies in the quality of regulatory oversight;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VII. The proliferation of multiple and overlapping international audits is not the most effective way of achieving improvements in the quality of regulatory oversight and enhancing aviation safety;

RESOLVES:

- VIII. TO CALL on governments and their regulatory agencies to fully implement ICAO SARPs in a timely manner, and support the ICAO “No Country Left Behind” campaign to raise levels of regulatory oversight;
- IX. TO REITERATE THE CALL on governments to respect the primacy of ICAO standards and guidance, whilst recognising that any additional restrictions should be based on transparent criteria, concrete evidence, and take into account their potential extra-territorial impact;
- X. TO REITERATE THE CALL on governments to coordinate their safety audit findings related to third countries in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort, and encourage the States in question to develop coherent safety action plans;
- XI. TO REITERATE THE CALL on governments to allow foreign air carriers the opportunity to demonstrate that their safety systems and performance are in compliance with accepted international standards before imposing sanctions or restrictions on them as air carriers.

APPROVED this 18th day of November 2016.

Certified correct:

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