

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO. 6  
Series of 2016**

**A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 60<sup>th</sup> meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Aviation provides global connectivity and indirectly supports 63 million jobs and \$2.7 trillion in economic activity;
- II. More than half of all international tourists and 35 percent of international trade by value travels by air;
- III. Passengers expect air travel to be safe, secure and environmentally sustainable;
- IV. Governments meeting at the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly:
  - (a) agreed on a resolution to implement a global market based measure (GMBM) in the form of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) to address future increases in total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from international civil aviation;
  - (b) agreed to make further progress on aircraft technologies, operational improvements and sustainable alternative fuels as part of the basket of measures;
  - (c) agreed that a periodic review of the CORSIA should be undertaken by the ICAO Council, for consideration by the Assembly, every three years from 2022;
- V. Governments adopted the climate agreement known as the “Paris Agreement” at the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP21) whereby States will commit to climate action in the form of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions;

- VI. The UNFCCC continues to recognise that the issue of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from international aviation should be handled by ICAO;
- VII. The aviation industry, coordinated by the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), remains committed to ambitious environmental goals, to be achieved using a combination of technology, operations and infrastructure improvements, and alternative fuels, supplemented by a GMBM;
- VIII. In Asia Pacific region, which is already the world's largest aviation market, airlines have made significant fleet investments in the latest technology which will offer CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions;
- IX. AAPA has in the past called for the support of ICAO efforts to develop a GMBM as outlined in Resolution No. 7 Series of 2015, "A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT";

NOTING THAT:

- X. Industry is committed to supporting ICAO in completing the technical work ahead which will provide the metrics, methodology and guidance needed to ensure a robust implementation framework for the ICAO CORSIA GMBM;
- XI. ICAO, with the support of Industry, will be required to provide capacity building and assistance to governments for the preparation and implementation of CORSIA;

BELIEVING THAT:

- XII. Governments have an important role to play in ensuring that the associated aviation infrastructure keeps pace with the expected growth in travel demand, whilst improving operational efficiencies and reducing environmental impacts;
- XIII. The ICAO CORSIA scheme requires the full support and participation of all governments if it is to be global in scope, ensure environmental integrity and avoid competitive market distortions;

RESOLVES:

- XIV. TO URGE governments to support and participate in the ICAO CORSIA scheme to ensure that it is global in scope, has environmental integrity and avoids competitive market distortions;
- XV. TO URGE governments in Asia to coordinate the necessary investments in aviation infrastructure to keep pace with the growth in travel demand to ensure improvements in operational efficiencies and reduction in environmental impacts.

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

Certified correct:

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