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A RESOLUTION ON PASSENGER FACILITATION AND SCREENING

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

I.   The global airline industry carries over 3.6 billion passengers every year;

II.   Air travel maintains extremely high levels of safety and security;

III.   International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), notably *Annex 9 – Facilitation* and *Annex 17- Security* provide the necessary guidance to States on the implementation and procedures in relation to passenger facilitation and aviation security;

IV.   Governments at the ICAO 39th Assembly agreed to further collaborate to define aviation security measures that are risk-based, appropriate and proportionate to the threat, effective, efficient, operationally viable, economically and operationally sustainable, and take into account the impact on passengers and on air cargo;

NOTING THAT:

V.   Advanced identity document technologies, including biometrics and machine readable travel documents, and the mandatory provision of detailed information about passengers in the form of Advance Passenger Information (API) requirements, have proved effective in helping to streamline passenger and crew processing whilst strengthening aviation security;

VI.   Security procedures are often cited by the travelling public as the least satisfactory aspect of the air travel experience;

VII.   Airport security checkpoints today focus on risky objects but have limited capability to identify higher risk travellers;

VII.   Trusted traveller programmes already exist which could help to streamline security processes and alleviate bottlenecks in the current approach to passenger screening;

VIII.   Inconsistencies in implementation of security procedures have led to unnecessary duplication of effort within the air transport industry, and additional time and inconvenience endured by the travelling public;

BELIEVING THAT:

IX.   Effective security procedures must properly balance risks against costs and inconvenience to the travelling public and wider society;

X.   States, together with industry, can broaden existing cooperation mechanisms for information exchange and timely detection of security threats to civil aviation operations;

XI.   Technology and process innovations can help to deliver both effective aviation security measures and achieve efficient facilitation;

RESOLVES:

XI.   TO CALL on governments to promote the use of available technologies and ensure that sufficient resources are allocated towards both inbound and outbound passenger and crew processing, so as to streamline passenger facilitation and enhance the overall travel experience;

XII.   TO CALL on government agencies to work with all industry stakeholders, including airlines, to allow sufficient lead times for the implementation of any new passenger screening measures;

XIII.   TO CALL on government agencies to work with all industry stakeholders, including airlines, to maintain a practical balance between the need for effective security measures and the provision of efficient passenger facilitation;

XIV.   TO CALL on governments to recognise the importance of effective implementation of measures in line with global standards established by ICAO, and the benefits of mutual recognition of respective aviation security regimes, thereby responding more effectively to the needs of the travelling public.

APPROVED this 18th day of November 2016.

Certified correct: Attested by:

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