

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 9
Series of 2016**

A RESOLUTION ON HEALTH PANDEMICS

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Responses to health-related crises can have significant economic and social effects on all sectors of a country's economy, including travel-related industries such as airlines, airports, hotels, restaurants, retailers, travel agencies and tourist sites;
- II. Reactive government actions in response to international health pandemic threats can have a very high economic and social cost disproportionate to any public health benefit;
- III. Past outbreaks of various contagious diseases have demonstrated the need to manage both the direct and indirect consequences of a health pandemic;
- IV. AAPA has in the past issued a Resolution No. 7, Series of 2014, "A RESOLUTION ON HEALTH PANDEMICS";

NOTING THAT:

- V. The World Health Organisation (WHO) is the globally recognised United Nations body that works closely with national health authorities to design and implement strategies for early detection and containment of new diseases, and the coordination of any global health initiatives;
- VI. In response to the recent Zika virus outbreak, the WHO has issued a strategic response plan which focuses on preventing and managing medical complications caused by Zika virus infection;

- VII. Aircraft disinsection procedures are governed by global standards and recommended practices contained in Annex 9 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (“Chicago Convention”);
- VIII. Contrary to established global procedures, some countries require aircraft operators to put in place various measures with limited or no demonstrable public health benefit;
- IX. Such measures include the resumption of temperature screening of arriving air passengers by various governments around the world, as well as new disinsection requirements recently introduced by the Italian Ministry of Health;

BELIEVING THAT:

- X. Government authorities and the aviation industry should cooperate closely and together play responsible roles in responding effectively to any health-related crises;

RESOLVES:

- XI. TO CALL on governments and health authorities to collaborate and coordinate with WHO and other governments in managing the potential impact of health pandemics by focusing collective efforts and resources on fighting the spread of the disease at its source, and by properly informing and educating the travelling public;
- XII. TO CALL on governments and health authorities to avoid imposing measures on airlines that would unnecessarily disrupt normal operations in ways that would have disproportionate impacts compared to the actual risk level.

APPROVED this 18th day of November 2016.

Certified correct:



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