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### AAPA STATEMENT ON US DHS ENHANCED SECURITY MEASURES

*Calls for closer international collaboration involving governments and industry*

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has recently announced the imposition of enhanced aviation security measures for all international flights operating into the United States, citing continuing terrorist threats.

The new security measures will affect 105 countries, 280 airports, 180 airlines, 2100 daily flights and an average of 325,000 daily passengers.

Commenting on the new measures, Mr. Andrew Herdman, Director General of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) said, “Airlines are fully committed to working closely with government security agencies, airports and other stakeholders to ensure that air travel remains safe, secure and convenient. Implementation of these new security directives will necessitate a number of procedural and operational changes by airlines and airports around the world. Airlines, airports and the relevant government authorities will need to work closely together to avoid unnecessary disruption to the travelling public.”

Mr. Herdman concluded, “Aviation security is a collective global responsibility. We urge all governments, in conjunction with the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), to work together more closely with industry, and strengthen multilateral cooperation using a risk-based approach, focusing on globally agreed standards, and mutual recognition of respective security regimes.”

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**Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)**

The AAPA is the trade association for scheduled international airlines based in the Asia-Pacific region. The AAPA permanent secretariat is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with international representation in Brussels and Washington, D.C. Collectively, the region's airlines carry 1,214 million passengers and 20 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-third of global passenger traffic and two-fifths of global air cargo traffic respectively, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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