

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO 5  
Series of 2017**

**A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 61<sup>st</sup> meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Aviation provides global connectivity and 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. Aviation and the wider travel and tourism sector contribute to sustainable development, helping to improve living standards and alleviate poverty;
- IV. Passengers expect air travel to be safe, secure and environmentally sustainable;
- V. Governments meeting at the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly agreed on resolution A39-3 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;
- VI. Governments ratified the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) climate agreement known as the "Paris Agreement" whereby States have committed to voluntary climate action in the form of Intended Nationally Determined Contributions;
- VII. The UNFCCC continues to recognise that the issue of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from international aviation should be handled by ICAO;
- VIII. 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;

- IX. In the Asia Pacific region, which is already the world's largest aviation market, airlines continue to make significant investments in modern aircraft and engines which will offer CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions;
- X. AAPA has in the past called for the support of ICAO efforts to develop a GMBM as outlined in Resolution No. 6 Series of 2016, "A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT";

NOTING THAT:

- XI. The ICAO Civil Aviation Environment Protection (CAEP) Committee has been tasked to develop the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and associated guidance for the implementation of CORSIA for submission and adoption by the ICAO Council;
- XII. CORSIA will be introduced in three phases: pilot phase in 2021 and phase 1 in 2024, both are voluntary, and phase 2 which will be mandatory in 2027;
- XIII. Based on commitments to date, 72 States, representing 87.7% of international aviation activity, intend to voluntarily participate in CORSIA with the commencement of the pilot phase in 2021;
- XIV. All aircraft operators will be required to monitor their international aviation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 1 January 2019;

BELIEVING THAT:

- XV. ICAO, with the support of industry, will be required to provide capacity building and assistance to governments and airlines to ensure the timely implementation of CORSIA;
- XVI. Any delay in the adoption and implementation of CORSIA SARPs and associated guidance material by governments could lead to the introduction of a patchwork of climate change measures resulting in market distortion and reduce air transport's contribution to global sustainable development;

RESOLVES:

XVII. TO REITERATE THE CALL on governments 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;

XVIII. TO URGE governments to adopt ICAO CORSIA SARPs in an expeditious manner and support associated capacity building efforts to ensure timely implementation of CORSIA.

APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.

Certified correct:



ANDREW HERDMAN  
Director General

Attested by:



SU-CHIEN HSIEH  
AAPA Chairman – 2017