ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 6
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A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 61st meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

I. Aviation contributes to sustainable development, helping to improve living standards worldwide;

II. Aviation provides global connectivity with 100,000 daily flights carrying 11 million passengers to reach their destinations safely, securely and conveniently;

III. Global air travel demand is projected to grow 4.5% annually, with the Asia Pacific region expanding at an even faster pace of 6% per annum over the next twenty years;

IV. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) provides the global leadership and framework to increase safety, capacity and efficiency of the global air traffic management (ATM) system, in particular through the Global Air Navigation Plan (ICAO Doc 9750);

V. ICAO efforts within this region are led by the Asia Pacific Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG) focusing on improvements to airspace organisation and air traffic management across the region;

VI. AAPA has in the past adopted resolutions calling on governments to expedite investment and implementation of ATM projects that deliver improved operational efficiencies, including Resolution No. 6, Series of 2015, "A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE";

NOTING THAT:

VII. Airspace modernization is a global challenge with the objective of deploying new technologies to improve both airspace utilization as well as further enhance safety performance;
VIII. The harmonised implementation of ICAO standards and recommended practices for air traffic management infrastructure requires a long term strategy supported by appropriate commitment, funding, planning and resources;

IX. Failure to make the necessary investments and operational improvements in ATM infrastructure and services to keep pace with air traffic growth would lead to adverse consequences for the travelling public and the wider economy, in the form of congestion and delays, leading to operational and environmental inefficiencies;

BELIEVING THAT:

X. Harmonisation, integration and international collaboration among aviation stakeholders are essential to realise the full potential of national projects;

XI. Improved coordination and cooperation between ANSPs and military operations can also contribute significantly towards more efficient use of local airspace;

RESOLVES:

XII. TO RENEW THE CALL on Asian governments to commit to further investments in efficient air traffic management, prompt implementation of recognised international standards and procedures, and best operational practices in order to avoid unnecessary congestion, delays and inconvenience to the travelling public;

XIII. TO URGE governments to think beyond national borders and commit to the development and implementation of enhanced Asia Pacific air traffic flow management systems.

APPROVED this 25th day of October 2017.

Certified correct:  

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