ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 4
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A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 58th meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

I. Air transport connects the world and is a vital engine of global economic growth, directly and indirectly supporting over 58 million jobs and $2.4 trillion in gross domestic product;

II. Sustainable growth of the air transport industry contributes to wider social and economic development;

III. Given the need for all industries to undertake long-term climate action, the aviation sector has assumed its climate responsibility and embarked on an ambitious and robust path to mitigate the impact of its emissions;

IV. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) is the most appropriate UN forum for governments to work together and achieve a consensus on an effective multilateral agreement on a global approach to aviation and the environment;

V. Governments meeting at the 38th ICAO Assembly:

(a) Reaffirmed ICAO’s collective aspirational goals and agreed on a comprehensive strategy to progress all elements of the basket of measures: technology, operations, infrastructure and alternative fuels;

(b) Agreed on a resolution to develop a supplementary global market based measure to mitigate the growth of international aviation emissions beyond 2020;

VI. The air transport industry has reaffirmed its commitment to addressing climate change through a resolution on “Implementation of the Aviation Carbon Neutral Growth (CNG2020) Strategy” passed at the 69th IATA Annual General Meeting 2013;
VII. AAPA has in the past called for the support of ICAO efforts to develop a global market based measure as outlined most recently in Resolution No. 7, Series of 2013, "A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT;"

NOTING THAT:

VIII. The air transport sector has committed itself to a pathway of sustainable growth encompassing all areas of the commercial aviation industry and governments working in partnership;

IX. The aviation industry acknowledges the essential role of supplementary market based measures and looks to governments to develop and reach agreement on a comprehensive global market based measure for aviation;

BELIEVING THAT:

X. All States should accept ICAO's leadership role in addressing international aviation policies;

RESOLVES:

XI. TO URGE governments to continue to work in partnership with the air transport industry to develop and implement environmental measures that support sustainable economic growth;

XII. TO RENEW THE CALL on governments to build on the ICAO 38th Assembly consensus and work together to develop a global market based measure for aviation for adoption in 2016 and implementation in 2020;

XIII. TO RENEW THE CALL on governments to work towards a global market based measure for aviation that is fair and equitable, avoids competitive market distortion, and reconciles the differing interests and perspectives of developed and developing nations.
APPROVED this 19th day of November 2014.

Certified correct:

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