ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 5
Series of 2018

A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 62nd meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

I. Aviation provides global connectivity and supports 65 million jobs and $2.7 trillion in economic activity;

II. Aviation and the wider travel and tourism sector contribute to sustainable development, helping to improve living standards and alleviate poverty;

III. The air transport industry is the first industry sector to commit to CO₂ emissions reductions through the use of a global market based measure (MBM);

IV. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Council has endorsed the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and associated guidance to enable the implementation of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) to address future increases in total CO₂ emissions from international civil aviation;

V. ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-3 on CORSIA states that MBMs should not be duplicative and international aviation CO₂ emissions should be accounted for only once;

VI. ICAO, with the support of industry, has provided capacity building and assistance to governments and airlines to ensure the timely implementation of CORSIA;

VII. All aircraft operators are required to monitor and report their international aviation CO₂ emissions from 1 January 2019;

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, alternative fuels, operations and infrastructure improvements, supplemented by a global MBM;
IX. AAPA has in the past called on governments to support ICAO efforts to develop a global MBM as outlined in Resolution No. 5 Series of 2017, "A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION AND ENVIRONMENT";

NOTING THAT:

X. ICAO SARPs and guidance materials cover the implementation of Monitoring, Reporting and Verification (MRV) requirements, whilst further work is required by the ICAO Council to finalise the Emissions Unit Criteria;

BELIEVING THAT:

XI. Some Governments are seeking to apply variations or additional requirements from those established by the ICAO CORSIA, which could undermine the integrity of the scheme;

XII. Some States may not withdraw or align existing MRV requirements under regional or national schemes, creating unnecessary burden for operators;

XIII. To achieve CORSIA objectives, operators require broad access to recognised carbon offsets;

RESOLVES:

XIV. TO URGE governments and operators to work together to ensure the effective implementation of CORSIA;

XV. TO URGE governments to ensure the integrity of ICAO CORSIA and refrain from applying duplicative requirements on international aviation CO₂ emissions;

XVI. To URGE the ICAO Council to finalise its guidance on the CORSIA Emissions Unit Criteria to enable operators to have broad access to recognised carbon offsets.
APPROVED this 19th day of October 2018.

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