

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 6
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A RESOLUTION ON WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Aviation and the wider travel and tourism sector contribute to sustainable development, helping to improve living standards and alleviate poverty;
- II. The illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products increasingly threatens the survival of endangered species;
- III. Criminal groups are exploiting the connectivity that air transport provides to illegally traffic wildlife and wildlife products;
- IV. The responsibility to apprehend and prosecute offenders rests with national enforcement authorities, but airlines and airline staff can play a role in addressing the problem;
- V. The air transport industry has denounced the illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products;
- VI. The Buckingham Palace Declaration of the United for Wildlife Transport Taskforce commits its signatories to various actions, including not knowingly facilitating or tolerating the carriage for illegal trade in wildlife products;
- VII. The air transport industry has developed guidance to raise awareness among passengers and staff concerning the prohibited carriage of wildlife and related products;

NOTING THAT:

- VIII. Wildlife conservation efforts make an important contribution towards global tourism and the airline sector;

BELIEVING THAT:

- IX. Airlines and airline staff have a role to play in addressing the problem of illegal wildlife trade;
- X. Governments and their law enforcement agencies working collaboratively with airlines, airports, freight forwarders and other involved stakeholders will be better able to address the problem;

RESOLVES:

- XI. TO CALL on governments and their law enforcement agencies to commit additional resources to combat illegal wildlife trade;
- XII. TO CALL on governments and their law enforcement agencies to work collaboratively with airlines, airports, freight forwarders and other involved stakeholders to raise awareness and monitoring efforts;
- XIII. TO ENCOURAGE airlines to support the Buckingham Palace Declaration of the United for Wildlife Transport Taskforce.

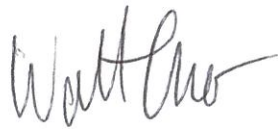
APPROVED this 19th day of October 2018.

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