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A RESOLUTION ON AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

I. Aviation is a key driver for social and economic development for all countries worldwide;

II. More than 4 billion passengers travel by air annually and this is projected to double over the next twenty years;

III. Global air travel demand is projected to grow 4.7% annually, with the Asia Pacific region expanding at an even faster pace of 5.6% per annum over the next twenty years;

IV. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) provides guidance on user charges in Doc 9082, "ICAO's Policies on Charges for Airports and Air Navigation Services";

V. ICAO recommends the provision of economic oversight of airports by States to meet public policy objectives including balancing the interests of airports, passengers and other end users including airlines;

NOTING THAT:

VI. The provision of cost effective and efficient airport infrastructure is critical in order to meet the projected growth in passenger and cargo traffic demand;

VII. The development of airport infrastructure is highly capital intensive;

VIII. Airport financing and operations can be organized in various ways including both public and private sector involvement;

IX. Air transport pays for its own infrastructure costs;
BELIEVING THAT:

X. Governments play a key role in coordinating aviation infrastructure planning, including the need to balance the respective interests of airports and aircraft operators;

XI. The regulatory framework for the economic oversight of airports should take into account different ownership structures and operational arrangements of airports;

RESOLVES:

XII. TO CALL on governments to ensure that regulatory frameworks on airport infrastructure investment are fit for purpose and balance the interests of airlines, passengers and airport operators;

XIII. TO CALL on governments to promote the non-discrimination and transparency of user charges, and safeguard the interests of airlines, passengers and other end users in line with ICAO guidance.

APPROVED this 19th day of October 2018.

Certified correct:                        Attested by:

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