

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 4
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A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION RECOVERY

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 64th meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. The COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented global crisis in the aviation, travel and tourism industry, severely impacting the health, well-being, and livelihoods of people worldwide;
- II. Containing the spread of COVID-19, and dealing with the wider economic social and economic challenges remain the top priority of every government;
- III. The air transport sector accounts for 3.1% of Asia Pacific GDP and supports nearly 50 million jobs, with airlines providing global connectivity carrying millions of passengers on a daily basis to reach their destinations safely, securely and conveniently;
- IV. The prolonged closure of borders and other travel restrictions hamper the essential movement of people;
- V. The ICAO Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) guidelines were established earlier this year to provide practical guidance to governments and industry to restart aviation and recover from COVID-19 in a coordinated manner, while keeping the safety, health and wellbeing of the travelling public as a top priority;
- VI. The establishment of green lanes and travel bubbles is a positive first step towards the restart of international aviation;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VII. Uncoordinated and unharmonised measures create unpredictability and confusion for both travellers and airlines, and hamper the meaningful restart of cross border air services;
- VIII. Blanket quarantine measures are a significant deterrent to air travel and should be reviewed based on objective risk assessments in the context of other appropriate risk mitigation measures;
- IX. The setting up of a robust testing framework comprising mutually-recognised accredited testing facilities delivering rapid, accurate and affordable testing prior to departure, coupled with other risk mitigation measures recommended by ICAO, is an effective measure towards re-starting international air travel in a safe and secure manner;

RESOLVES:

- X. TO CALL on governments and industry stakeholders to fully adopt ICAO CART guidelines as a necessary step towards restarting aviation in the Asia Pacific region;
- XI. TO CALL on governments to closely coordinate with one another and harmonise measures across borders allowing for the meaningful restart of aviation services that include testing requirements based on objective risk assessments and medical evidence;
- XII. TO CALL on governments to support the development of robust mutually-recognised testing frameworks for international air travel, and which allow for airlines to verify passenger test data authenticity on a real-time basis where appropriate, to reduce unnecessary pre-departure congestion, delays and inconvenience to the travelling public;
- XIII. TO CALL on governments to collaborate with industry stakeholders to rebuild passenger confidence and provide support for the meaningful recovery of the Asia Pacific airline industry.

APPROVED this 13th day of November 2020.

Certified correct:



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