

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
RESOLUTION NO. 6
Series of 2020**

A RESOLUTION ON TAXATION AND CHARGES

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Aviation is a key driver for social and economic development for all countries worldwide, contributing to 4.1% of global economic activity and supporting 88 million jobs worldwide;
- II. 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;
- III. The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), which provides guidance on taxation of international air transport as set out in Doc 8632, "ICAO's Policies on Taxation in the Field of International Air Transport", discourages levies on international air services as these would inhibit further economic development and have an adverse competitive impact on international air transport operation;
- IV. AAPA has in the past adopted resolutions calling on governments to refrain from increasing the burden of aviation levies in any form, including Resolution No. 9, Series of 2019, "A RESOLUTION ON TAXATION AND CHARGES";

NOTING THAT:

- V. While containing the spread of COVID-19, and dealing with the wider economic social and economic challenges remain the top priority of every government, the prolonged closure of borders has effectively grounded most international airlines, leaving many struggling for survival;

- VI. Taxes and charges imposed by various States in respect of certain aspects of international air transport can be categorised as taxes on the sale or use of international air transport in contravention of ICAO policies on taxation;
- VII. A number of airports are increasing user charges as mechanisms to alleviate the revenue shortfall created by the grounding of air travel;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VIII. Punitive or discriminatory taxes on aviation in any form contravene ICAO policies on taxation;
- IX. Unjustified taxes and charges are blunt instruments that are counterproductive to broader efforts to restart aviation and restore public confidence in air travel;

RESOLVES:

- X. TO CALL on governments and other stakeholders to refrain from putting further financial strain on the airline industry, and to refrain from increasing the burden of aviation levies in any form;
- XI. TO CALL on governments to put in place a broad framework conducive to the early restart and recovery of aviation.

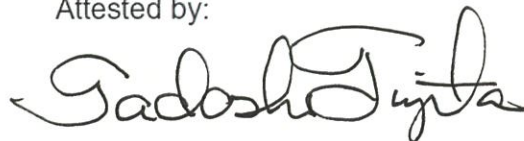
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