

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

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 65<sup>th</sup> meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. The continued COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound effect on the aviation, travel and tourism industry, with wider social and economic consequences;
- II. The air transport sector accounts for US\$944 billion 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 and securely;
- III. The recent ICAO High Level Conference on COVID-19 declared its commitment to unite together to rebuild the aviation sector from the COVID-19 pandemic as soon as possible;
- IV. The recovery of international air travel demand in the Asia Pacific region has lagged behind that of other regions due to the prolonged closure of borders and other travel restrictions that hamper the essential movement of people;
- V. The establishment of quarantine-free vaccinated travel lanes is a positive first step towards the restart of international aviation;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VI. Uncoordinated and non-harmonised travel and health protocols create unpredictability and confusion for both travellers and airlines, and hamper the meaningful restart of cross border air services;

- VII. Travel access should be made available to all vaccinated and recovered passengers, and eventually to all passengers with the necessary health safeguards in place;
- VIII. The setting up of a robust multilateral framework comprising mutually-recognised protocols for vaccination, testing and identification, 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;
- IX. Common standards for travel, including interoperability and/or mutual recognition of digital applications are crucial to the recovery of international air travel;

RESOLVES:

- X. TO CALL on governments to closely collaborate together to reach a consensus on streamlining and harmonizing protocols and practices for international travel, allowing for the sustainable recovery of the aviation industry;
- XI. TO CALL on governments to support the adoption of interoperable digital applications for air travel, in accordance with ICAO guidance, so as to reduce unnecessary pre-departure congestion, delays and inconvenience to the travelling public;
- XII. 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

Certified correct:



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