

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO. 5  
Series of 2021**

**A RESOLUTION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

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

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Aviation provides global connectivity supporting \$3.5 trillion in economic activity and 88 million jobs;
- II. Aviation and the wider travel and tourism sector contribute to sustainable development, helping to improve living standards and alleviate poverty;
- III. Notwithstanding the COVID-19 pandemic, the aviation industry is firmly committed to pursuing its sustainability goals of addressing its carbon footprint in the longer term, in support of the United Nations Paris Agreement goals;
- IV. At the recent High Level Conference on COVID-19 organised by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), ICAO member states declared that the long-term resilience, sustainable development and future growth of aviation are enhanced by its contribution to the fight against climate change;
- V. On 13 September 2021, AAPA made a commitment to an ambitious long term target of net zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2050, which was subsequently reiterated by the wider global airline industry;
- VI. The Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) is endorsed by ICAO as the only global market-based measure (MBM) to address future increases in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from international civil aviation, so as to avoid a possible patchwork of duplicative State or regional MBMs, thus ensuring that international aviation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are accounted for only once;

- VII. Aviation industry stakeholders, coordinated by the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG), have collectively committed to ambitious environmental goals to be achieved using a combination of technology, sustainable alternative fuels, operations and infrastructure improvements, a global MBM, with a long term goal of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2050;
- VIII. The industry's sustainability goals can only be achieved with the full support of all aviation stakeholders including governments, airports, air navigation providers, manufacturers, and fuel suppliers;
- IX. AAPA has in the past called on governments to support CORSIA and the development of sustainable alternative fuels as outlined in Resolution No. 5 Series of 2020, "A RESOLUTION ON SUSTAINABILITY";

NOTING THAT:

- X. Asia Pacific will account for 40% of global sustainable alternative fuels needs, yet facilities and viable supplies in the region are scarce;
- XI. Some Governments are seeking to introduce new environmental taxes or apply variations or additional requirements from those established by the ICAO CORSIA, without achieving any meaningful reduction in carbon emissions;

RESOLVES:

- XII. TO RENEW THE CALL TO governments to participate in the CORSIA scheme, to respect the scope and the integrity of ICAO CORSIA and refrain from applying duplicative requirements on international aviation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
- XIII. TO URGE governments to support the use of sustainable aviation fuels through investment in research and development, and facilities for the production of adequate supplies required by the aviation industry.

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

Certified correct:



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