

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES  
RESOLUTION NO. 4  
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**A RESOLUTION ON PASSENGER FACILITATION**

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 66<sup>th</sup> meeting duly assembled,

**RECOGNISING THAT:**

- I. The 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 is crucial to the wider economic and social development of the Asia Pacific region, with airlines providing global connectivity carrying millions of passengers on a daily basis to reach their destinations safely and securely;
- III. The nascent 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 uncoordinated reopening of travel markets;
- IV. The different levels of readiness in the reopening of borders in different regions has created a multitude of non-uniform pre-departure and post-arrival travel requirements in different regions and countries;
- V. The 41<sup>st</sup> ICAO Assembly called on States to implement the Passenger Data Single Window facility that allows parties involved in passenger transport by air to lodge standardized advance passenger information (API) through a single data entry point to fulfil all regulatory requirements relating to the entry and/or exit of passengers that may be imposed by various agencies of the State;

**BELIEVING THAT:**

- VI. Uncoordinated and non-harmonised travel facilitation protocols create unpredictability and confusion for both travellers and airlines;

VII. Common standards for travel, including interoperability and/or mutual recognition of digital applications, are necessary to achieve maximum efficiency levels in the processing of passenger traffic at international airports;

RESOLVES:

- VIII. TO CALL on governments and related stakeholders to collaborate actively in 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;
- IX. TO CALL on governments to consider and accelerate the deployment of interactive API and related passenger data exchange systems and to provide integrated pre-travel verification responses to aircraft operators related to immigration, security and public health requirements, while fully respecting passenger privacy rights;
- X. TO CALL on governments to closely collaborate together and share best practices on streamlining and harmonizing protocols and practices for international travel, allowing for the sustainable recovery of the aviation industry.

APPROVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

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