

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
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A RESOLUTION ON AVIATION SAFETY

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 66th meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Safety is always the aviation industry's top priority;
- II. Governments and industry working in partnership globally have made commercial aviation the safest form of travel, and are responsible for maintaining the highest levels of safety for the travelling public;
- III. The international aviation industry is just beginning to recover from the disastrous impact caused by an extended period of border closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- IV. The Asia Pacific region is still far from achieving pre-pandemic levels of operations;
- V. ICAO adopts international Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) for aeronautical communications systems and radio navigation aids, whereas the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the specialized agency of the United Nations regulating the use of the radio frequency spectrum;
- VI. ICAO Annex 19 "Safety Management" provides the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPS) to assist States in managing aviation safety risks, safety information, improving safety performance and assuring the safe operation of aircraft, in line with the principle of 'No Country Left Behind';
- VII. The development and the implementation of the communications, navigation, and surveillance/air traffic management (CNS/ATM) systems and the safety of international civil aviation could be seriously jeopardized unless requirements for appropriate aviation safety spectrum allocations are satisfied and the continued protection of those allocations is achieved;

VIII. The 41st ICAO Assembly reaffirmed support for ICAO's position and policy statements in relation to radio frequency spectrum requirements for civil aviation;

NOTING THAT:

- IX. The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires that all commercial aircraft be retrofitted with new or modified radar altimeters by July 2023 to maintain their operations to the US, in order for telecommunications companies to power up their 5G networks to the full capacity authorised by the Federal Communications Commission, even as the full effects of 5G on aircraft operations are being studied;
- X. Unresolved spectrum issues relating to aeronautical safety services have resulted in flight cancellations, degradations of air traffic management services and interruptions of flight operation;

BELIEVING THAT:

- XI. A comprehensive frequency spectrum strategy is required by the aviation sector to support timely availability and protection of adequate spectrum;
- XII. A sustainable environment for growth and technology development is required to support safety and operational effectiveness for current and future operational systems;
- XIII. National aviation regulators and safety agencies should work together with the global aviation industry on frequency spectrum matters especially if they have extra-territorial implications;
- XIV. National aviation regulators and safety agencies should support the aviation industry in their recovery process from the pandemic, to restore global connectivity, in a safe and inclusive manner;

RESOLVES:

- XV. TO CALL on governments, aviation regulators, safety agencies and other stakeholders to support the ICAO frequency spectrum strategy and the ICAO position at ITU World Radiocommunications Conferences (WRCs);

- XVI. TO CALL on governments to consult with aviation safety regulators, subject matter experts and airspace users, to provide all necessary considerations and to establish regulatory measures to ensure that incumbent aviation systems and services are free from harmful interference;
- XVII. TO CALL on governments to refrain from introducing regulations that are extra-territorial in nature and fail to take into account the global nature of the aviation industry.

APPROVED this 11th day of November 2022.

Certified correct:



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