

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
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A RESOLUTION ON REGULATORY IMPACT

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 67th meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Air travel is an essential means of transport, and a key driver for social and economic development worldwide;
- II. The Asia Pacific region lagged behind other regions in air traffic recovery as a result of the prolonged border closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, affecting connectivity between Asia and other regions;
- III. The air transport system is an extremely complex one with multiple stakeholders including regulatory agencies, airlines, infrastructure operators and other service providers working closely together to ensure the smooth functioning of the overall system;

NOTING THAT:

- IV. The functioning of the global air transport system can occasionally be seriously disrupted by factors beyond the control of airlines, such as major weather-related disturbances, natural disasters, health pandemics, political conflicts, severe resource constraints and other unpredictable events;
- V. The introduction of new regulations and enforcement of existing ones, during, or after prolonged crises, or in periods of mass disruption, should take into account particular circumstances and focus on efforts to restore services to the travelling public;

BELIEVING THAT:

- VI. Overly strict enforcement of passenger and slot-related regulations during and in the immediate aftermath of periods of mass disruption to transportation systems may not serve the best interests of the travelling public;
- VII. Any government-mandated regulations or measures related to passenger processing or affecting airline operations must be designed from the outset to be practical, cost-effective, efficient and sustainable;

RESOLVES:

- VIII. To call on governments to carefully consider the overall economic effects of introducing regulations that would increase the operational and cost burden on the airline industry, notably for circumstances outside the control of the industry, and to refrain from increasing the burden of aviation levies in any form;
- IX. To call on governments to recognise the responsibilities of multiple stakeholders including regulatory agencies, airports, airlines, ground handlers and other service providers in developing appropriate contingency plans for system recovery following major disruptions, as well as a seamless travel experience for the wider travelling public;
- X. To call on governments to avoid imposing unilateral measures on airlines that would have disproportionate impacts on operations, affect overall connectivity and schedule reliability, thereby inconveniencing the travelling public.

Approved this 10th day of November 2023.

Certified correct:

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