

**ASSOCIATION OF ASIA PACIFIC AIRLINES
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A RESOLUTION ON STREAMLINING REGULATIONS

The AAPA ASSEMBLY OF PRESIDENTS, in its 68th meeting duly assembled,

RECOGNISING THAT:

- I. Aviation is an essential means of transport, and a key driver for social and economic development worldwide;
- II. The Asia Pacific region is the world's largest aviation market accounting for a third or more of all passengers and air cargo carried, with international air travel demand and air connectivity continuing to expand solidly;
- III. The aviation sector supported nearly 50 million jobs and contributed \$944 billion to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Asia Pacific region in 2018, and is forecast¹ to support 80 million jobs and contribute \$2.1 trillion to GDP by 2038, underscoring the importance of the aviation industry to the region's economies;
- IV. The smooth functioning of the overall system requires multiple stakeholders including regulatory agencies, airlines, infrastructure operators and other service providers to work closely together;

NOTING THAT:

- V. 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, supply chain issues and other unpredictable events;

¹ Oxford Economics

- VI. There is a tendency to introduce new restrictions or new rules by governments in an uncoordinated manner after a crisis, such as after public health emergencies, security threats or severe weather events, affecting passenger confidence and passenger facilitation processes;
- VII. A number of governments in the Asia Pacific region including Australia, Thailand and Malaysia have plans to introduce or have introduced more onerous requirements on airlines, including compensation for delays or cancellations;
- VIII. In the wake of recent incidents involving exploding communications devices, some governments have introduced unilateral restrictions on the carriage of pagers and walkie-talkies on board aircraft;

BELIEVING THAT:

- IX. Unilateral or knee-jerk rules as a response to crises or external events may not serve the best interests of the travelling public;
- X. 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:

- XI. To call on governments to recognise the significant value of aviation to Asia Pacific economies and to avoid introducing additional regulations that would negatively affect the air travel sector, or reduce connectivity and regional travel integration;
- XII. To call on governments to recognise the responsibilities of multiple stakeholders including regulatory agencies, airports, airlines, ground handlers and other service providers in any crisis or major disruption;
- XIII. To call on governments to harmonise cross-border processes affecting passenger facilitation, and to avoid imposing unilateral measures that would disproportionately inconvenience the travelling public, affecting overall connectivity and schedule reliability, and increasing the cost burden on the airline industry.

Approved this 13th day of November 2024.

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