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AAPA Statement on the European Commission's Proposal on the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS)

The Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA) notes the European Commission's 17 July 2026 proposal to review the EU ETS.

We welcome the Commission's decision to maintain the 'stop the clock' on applying EU ETS to the full length of international flights, and the additional support proposed for sustainable aviation fuels. However, we share the concerns raised by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), which noted that a unilateral expansion of the EU ETS for aviation would be inconsistent with the objective of the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), the only global market-based measure applying to CO₂ emissions from international aviation, and risks duplicative measures.

CORSIA was approved by ICAO Member States in 2016. AAPA believes that a unilateral, regional extension of EU ETS risks setting a precedent for fragmented, extraterritorial climate measures that could undermine this multilateral framework over time.

We encourage the European Parliament, Council and Commission, as this proposal is negotiated in the months ahead, to reaffirm their support for CORSIA and the integrity of the global, consensus-based approach it represents.

We will continue to monitor this proposal as it moves through the EU legislative process and engage constructively with European institutions and ICAO on behalf of our member airlines."

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