

RESOLUTION #2

Sustainable development of the aviation ecosystem

The Thirty-first ACI World Annual General Assembly:

Recognizing the positive and necessary contribution of aviation and airports as a major contributor to global economic prosperity, a significant provider to social benefits, allowing for enhanced living conditions of people all over the globe and playing a critical role in the sustainable development of economies and populations globally;

Recognizing the need to reduce the sector's negative impact on the environment and to promote restorative development by reducing and proactively addressing risks, and increasing its social and economic benefits by properly balancing them with the environmental aspects of the business;

Noting the unprecedented impact on the entire aviation industry and prolonged recovery from the Covid-19 Pandemic that has challenged the industry's resilience, including its economic sustainability under the current business models and regulatory environment;

Noting the importance of collaboration among aviation and non-aviation stakeholders as means to prevent, prepare and respond to future crises, considering both the variations and interdependence of risks, such as climate change, global socio-political events or another pandemic and to increase resilience, and promote sustainable development;

Noting the differences in economic models and revenue streams the individual sectors of the aviation ecosystem have, as well as the variations in economic support different sectors have obtained throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic;

Recognizing the importance of each individual sector of activity within the aviation system as interdependent actors of the overall aviation ecosystem which must ensure ongoing collaboration, exchange and mutual support to achieve long term sustainability goals and system resilience;

Reaffirming the member airport's engagement in embracing technology and innovation, including accommodating new entrants to the aviation market and innovative propulsion methodologies, to promote a positive transformation of the aviation ecosystem and improve the services they provide;

Reaffirming the member airport's commitment to: reach Net Zero carbon emissions by 2050, to strive to meet public expectations and societal values, and to protect biodiversity and prevent wildlife trafficking;

Recognizing that many airport operators have already set their decarbonization roadmaps and started to implement them, including several which have anticipated their Net Zero commitments to 2030, but that support is needed for the global membership to be able to develop and implement their decarbonization strategies and action plans;

Recognizing that effective action to achieve sustainable development goals will depend on the ability of airports to incorporate sustainability at the core of their corporate strategies. Multi-sector collaboration will play a critical role in ensuring a resilient aviation ecosystem capable of achieving global sustainability goals;

Recognizing the need for transparency as airports plan and implement their Net Zero commitments and that ACI should play a role in facilitating this progress, including the promotion and sharing of best practices among members, development of mentorship programmes, assistance and capacity building initiatives at the local and global level, and by the development of the Voluntary Airport Decarbonization Action Plans initiative; and,

Reaffirming ACI World Resolution 3/2016 in which member airports committed to join the effort to stop the transportation of illegal wildlife trafficking, and that ACI has recently completed a partnership with USAID ROUTES to increase awareness about, to encourage, and provide the tools for airports to take action to reduce wildlife trafficking.

Resolves that the General Assembly:

- a) Calls upon governments and non-aviation stakeholders to support and work in collaboration with the airport industry to achieve collective social, environmental and economic sustainable development goals;
- b) Calls upon all industry stakeholders to work collaboratively, in mutual support with the objective of ensuring the ongoing recovery of the aviation ecosystem and providing a strong basis for the longer-term resilience and sustainability of the industry;
- c) Call upon member airports, as part of their commitment to Net Zero 2050, to work in collaboration with ACI and other stakeholders to develop and submit their Voluntary Airport Decarbonization Action Plans;
- d) Encourages and supports member airports as they play a leadership role in the promotion of sustainable development and work with ACI and other stakeholders to facilitate the continued progress on this collective journey;
- e) Encourages and supports member airports in working to promote and protect a healthy, biodiverse and a balanced ecosystem, including through a commitment to zero tolerance of wildlife trafficking.

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