

**RESOLUTION #3**  
**Leading through clean energy transition and robust**  
**Environmental Social Governance (ESG) practices**

**The Thirty-third ACI World Annual General Assembly:**

*Recalling* that the ACI World General Assembly has adopted [Resolutions](#) on the need for action to address greenhouse gas emissions,<sup>1</sup> on climate change and steps to address its impacts, in particular adaptation and resilience,<sup>2 3</sup> and on the commitment of the airport industry to achieve net zero CO2 emissions by 2050 at the latest and to fully support ICAO's net zero CO2 Long-Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG);<sup>4</sup>

*Recognizing* that the *Airport Carbon Accreditation* program is the only institutionally endorsed global carbon management standard for airports, with over 500 airports accredited globally as working on managing and reducing emissions under their control and also engaging with their stakeholders and partners to reduce their scope 3 emissions;

*Recalling* that in June 2021, ACI member airports agreed to a Long-Term Goal of achieving net zero by 2050, urging governments to provide the necessary support, and that the ensuing global aviation industry's commitment to a net zero goal was welcomed by States;

*Recalling* that ICAO Resolution A41-21 calls on States to accelerate the deployment of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) and other renewable energy sources for aviation, namely through a coordinated approach on policy and investments, the use of incentives, and support to accelerate research, certification, and deployment of these fuels;

*Noting* that in February 2023, ACI World joined the ICAO Assistance, Capacity-building, and Training for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (ACT-SAF) Program to support the development and deployment of SAF;

*Noting* that the World Economic Forum, who brought the industry noteworthy legacy initiatives such as *Clean Skies for Tomorrow* and *Target True Zero*, is now working in collaboration with ACI on a new initiative, the *Airports of Tomorrow (AoT)*, to accelerate the transition journey to net zero, and increase airports' sustainability and resilience;

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution #3 Urging Airports to Support International Efforts on Addressing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions (2015)

<sup>2</sup> Resolution #3 Encouraging airports to take action on Resilience & Adaptation to Climate Change (2018)

<sup>3</sup> Resolution #3 Recognizing that Climate Change, adaptation, and resilience should be included in recovery plans and addressed as key issues for the sector (2020)

<sup>4</sup> Resolution #4 Delivering the ICAO Net Zero CO2 Long-Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG) (2022)

*Recognizing* the growing need for airports to embrace and demonstrate robust and responsible business practices to achieve sustainability goals, effectively address climate change concerns and other environmental impacts, comply with legislation, and attract capital for investment in infrastructure projects and the substantial investments needed to provide the infrastructure for a clean energy transition and long-term resilience;

*Recalling* that in response to the growing significance of ESG, ACI World has published an ESG Management Best Practice guidance to support member airports in developing robust ESG practices;

*Recognizing* current challenges in adopting ESG reporting principles due to multiple reporting frameworks in the market, lack of harmonization, comparability, regional specificities, and a significant gap in the reporting landscape for the airport sector; and

*Recognizing* the opportunities for airports to act as enablers for the deployment of clean energy by understanding the implications and challenges of cleaner energy sources related to new infrastructure and operational requirements, costs, and competition of the airport industry with other sectors for access to green hydrogen and electricity;

**Resolves that the General Assembly:**

- a) calls on ICAO and its Member States to work with all financial institutions to facilitate access to green finance for aviation;
- b) calls on ICAO and its Member States to stimulate SAF deployment in the most efficient way, considering book and claim systems to minimize transportation and the need to have supply at every airport, and provide an enabling environment including policy support, sustainability criteria, monitoring of progress, financing support, and capacity building;
- c) urges governments to provide the necessary technical and economic support, as well as the required regulatory framework for supporting the airport sector in accessing renewable energy sources and implementing cleaner technologies at their premises;
- d) calls on ACI World to develop a framework for environment, social, and governance reporting, which may be used as a tool by airports that need guidance, and which can help to enhance the overall efficiency, performance, and trust among stakeholders and support access to green finance and help the sector decarbonize, as well as mitigate environmental and social impacts;
- e) urges airports to explore the opportunities to deploy cleaner energies by assessing related implications and planning future infrastructure and operational requirements accordingly; and

- f) calls on airports to evaluate their fueling infrastructure and identify any areas that need to be addressed in order to support the deployment of SAF.

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