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RESOLUTION #3

Safety and security at airports as fundamental enablers of sustainable growth

The Thirty-fourth ACI World Annual General Assembly:

Recognizing that aviation is the safest means of transport and has a continued focus on ensuring the safety and security of all components of the aviation ecosystem.

Recalling the importance of maintaining safety and security, as provided by the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices, including Aerodrome Certification, implementation of Safety Management Systems (SMS) and protection against acts of unlawful interference.

Emphasizing that long-term and sustainable growth of aviation requires the highest levels of safety and security in all parts of the industry.

Reinforcing the commitment of airport operators working with Civil Aviation Authorities in achieving aerodrome certification, including the implementation of SMS.

Recognizing the importance and usefulness of relationships with Civil Aviation Authorities to implement risk-based or performance-oriented approaches to aviation security incorporating improved oversight mechanisms.

Recognizing that the regulatory framework and high-level plans developed by ICAO must keep pace with innovations and developments across the industry and be structures so as to avoid regulatory burden.

Noting the rapid development of the Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) sector.

Emphasizing the changes the industry is going through in the transition to the ICAO Long Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG) of Net Zero by 2050 as adopted by the ICAO Assembly in October 2022, and the need to ensure the safety and security of operations throughout.

Noting that significant challenges remaining to achieving aerodrome certification, implementation of SMS in some regions due to maturity, resource capacity and constraints.



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Recalling ACI World's engagement, in partnership with ICAO, to supporting all airports in achieving the highest levels of safety and security through the APEX in Safety, APEX in Security and APEX in Cybersecurity programs, as referred to in past WAGA resolutions.

Noting the importance of capacity building initiatives for airports and State organisations to achieve continuous improvements and, where appropriate, the implementation of performance-based approaches in safety and security.

Resolves that the General Assembly:

- a) *Calls* on member airports to continue striving for the highest levels of safety and security.
- b) *Urges* airports and Civil Aviation Authorities to actively collaborate with a view to increase the number of certified aerodromes globally.
- c) *Calls* upon member airports to offer mutual assistance and collaboration initiatives, such as exchanges and secondment programmes, with the objective of capacity building for airports and regions in need.
- d) *Urges* member airports to continue to support the ACI APEX programs, through actions such as making available experts to participate in the peer reviews.
- e) *Calls* upon member airports to continue to support the work of the World and Regional Safety and Security Committees by providing experts to participate actively in such committees.
- f) *Calls* upon States, International Organizations, economic development programmes and other funding partners to support capacity building initiatives to improve safety and security at airports.
- g) *Urges* States and industry stakeholders to support the development of a skilled aviation safety and security workforce by providing funding, training, and career development opportunities for professionals.
- h) *Request* that ACI World continue to work closely with ICAO, ACI Regions and other institutions and organisations on the deployment of capacity building initiatives.
- i) *Encourage* ACI World to continue its efforts to raise awareness with ICAO and States of the importance of having a well balanced and performance based regulatory framework for aviation safety and security.
- j) *Encourage* ACI World to raise awareness of its activities on safety and security at the 42nd ICAO Assembly in 2025 and to report to the next meeting

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