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RESOLUTION #4

Enabling system capacity¹ at airports to meet future growth

The Thirty-fourth ACI World Annual General Assembly:

Noting that the ACI World Airport Traffic Forecasts (WATF) 2023–2052 project that global passenger traffic is expected to reach nearly 20 billion in 2042, double the 2024 projection.

Recalling the direct, indirect and catalytic benefits of aviation to nations' development, to society and its contribution to the effort to end poverty everywhere in the world.

Considering the past and future capacity challenges, in particular related to infrastructure and airspace capacity, faced by the aviation industry as a whole.

Recognizing that barriers to capacity development include political, resources or physical infrastructure and system capacity restrictions.

Considering that in some airports the available system capacity is not used optimally due to factors outside of the airport operators' control.

Emphasizing the need for continued collaboration amongst all aviation ecosystem partners, with States and with international organisations, to enable capacity across the aviation system.

Recalling that significant capital investments will be needed by airport operators globally to meet the forecast demand and that access to capital increasingly requires appropriate Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) reporting and that ACI World and several ACI regions have developed or are in the process of developing ESG reporting guidance.

Acknowledging that airport capacity includes its human capital and that attracting, retaining and retaining talent is key to the industry's success, its ability to innovate and meet future demand.

Recognizing the efforts by airport operators, by regional organizations or through collaborative efforts by aviation ecosystem partners to optimize the use of available system capacity.

¹ In the context of this resolution the notion of capacity relates to the system capacity of the airport, including infrastructure, procedures, physical and human resources, etc.

Recalling the collaboration between ACI World and the Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (CANSO) to provide the best use of available system capacity through the Airport System Capacity Enhancement (ASCE) programme.

Noting that development plans, such as the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan, serve as a mechanism for enhancing capacity and efficiency.

Resolves that the General Assembly:

- a) *Calls* on member airports and aviation ecosystem stakeholders to seek all possible opportunities for collaboration for best use of system capacity.
- b) *Calls* on airports to consider repurposing existing facilities and materials and to ensure new facilities incorporate sustainability and circular life cycle considerations.
- c) *Encourages* airports to enhance resilience and to plan for additional surge capacity to manage crises and emergencies that could threaten continued safe operations.
- d) *Encourages* airport operators, air operators and air navigation service providers, to pursue collaborative efforts for the best use of aviation system capacity through policy, operational, and technical improvements.
- e) *Urges* States and international organisations to work with industry stakeholders to ensure the timely funding and development of sufficient new airport capacity to meet future demand.
- f) *Urges* States to optimize existing capacity within existing infrastructure and not to impose operational limitations to airports.
- g) *Calls* on air navigation service providers to ensure that airspace capacity increases in step with airport capacity and is adapted to meet increased demand by system users.
- h) *Requests* that ACI World work with ICAO, States and other international organisations on attracting and retaining human capacity and talent.
- i) *Request* ACI World to continue to develop its development of a global ESG framework, considering frameworks already developed by ACI Regions, as an option for airports to support requests from lending and investment institutions.

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