

RESOLUTION #5 Aviation decarbonization and airport climate action

The Thirty-fourth ACI World Annual General Assembly:

Whereas climate change is an existential challenge which requires global action.

Whereas ACI member airports have agreed to the long-term goal of achieving net zero by 2050 (the “Net Zero Goal”), while ICAO Member States have resolved to strive to achieve a collective global Long-Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG) of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Recalling WAGA Resolution No. 3 of 2020 recognizing that climate change, adaptation and resilience should be included in recovery plans and addressed as key issues for the sector.

Recalling WAGA Resolution No. 4 of 2022 on Delivering the ICAO Net Zero CO2 LTAG.

Recalling Resolution No. 3 of 2023 on Leading through clean energy transition and robust Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices.

Recalling the Third ICAO Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) and ACI’s role in advocating for supportive and balanced policies that enable the long-term sustainability of airports and their communities, including emissions mitigation and a transition to cleaner energies.

Emphasizing that international civil aviation plays a critical role in economic and social development but that it needs to grow sustainably to maintain its license to operate and grow.

Noting with appreciation that ACI launched at COP28 a new accreditation level – Level 5 – of the *Airport Carbon Accreditation* program, certifying airports for achieving net zero for emissions under their control and committing to achieve decarbonization across all Scopes by 2050, and that 14 airports are already operating at this level of carbon management maturity globally.

Noting that more than half of the global air passenger traffic (55%) is now welcomed by airports actively addressing their emissions through *Airport Carbon Accreditation* with notable participation increases in all regions year by year.

Noting the work from the WEF-ACI Airports of Tomorrow (AoT) on energy hubs, resilience, smart and circular airports, and Sustainable Aviation Fuels, pillars which all have a role to play in the sustainable development of airports.

Resolves that the General Assembly:

- a) *Reaffirms* its previous Resolutions related to climate mitigation, climate adaptation, sustainability and ESG.
- b) *Recommits* to the Net Zero Goal, in full alignment with the Paris Agreement.
- c) *Urges* ICAO and its Member States to deliver the Long-Term Aspirational Goal.
- d) *Welcomes* CAAF/3's adoption of a collective global aspirational Vision to reduce aviation CO₂ emissions by 5% through the use of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other aviation cleaner energies compared to zero cleaner energy use, in line with proposals made by ACI.
- e) *Recognizes* the role of airports in the SAF value chain and the many initiatives implemented at airports for the facilitation of SAF infrastructure, increase in the use of SAF and in taking the lead in stimulating the adoption of SAF.
- f) *Asks* ACI to continue to promote the *Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA)* program and to assist airports in their endeavour to reach net zero across all Scopes.
- g) *Calls upon* States and regions to prioritize the development and use of SAF through comprehensive support frameworks, as well as investment in Research and Development of new propulsion technologies, such as electric and hybrid electric aircraft, and the associated airport infrastructure.
- h) *Calls upon* States to avoid punitive measures on the air transport sector such as additional taxes and capacity curbs, recognising its socio-economic benefits and favouring decarbonisation through investment and support.
- i) *Calls upon* States and regions to prioritize global unified instruments and approaches over unilateral measures in order to achieve aviation decarbonization, including ensuring sufficient supply of green energy to airports as part of the national energy strategies.
- j) *Calls on* States to support airports by incentivizing infrastructure development for climate adaptation and mitigation purposes with appropriate financial mechanisms.
- k) *Reminds* airports of the urgency to build climate adaptation and resilience into their strategies and to prepare for more frequent extreme weather events, taking a risk management approach

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