

Resolution on Aviation and the Environment

AACO 49th AGM **welcomes** the resolution adopted by ICAO 39th Assembly on Aviation and the Environment which stipulates the structure and design elements of the Global Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation known as CORSIA. AACO 49th AGM **reaffirms** that the issue of aviation and the environment must be dealt with through the provisions and principles of the ICAO resolution which identified the guiding principles for design and implementation of the global MBM to tackle the environmental impact of air transport.

AACO 49th AGM **calls** upon governments of the world, in view of the recent ICAO resolution on the environment, to avert adopting other environmental measures or approaches to reduce CO₂ emissions from international aviation or implementing environmental taxes and levies to avoid double counting of emissions and multiplicity of procedures which will add administrative and financial burdens on airlines and hamper their growth.

Since, ICAO Secretariat, bodies and Council will work on defining the necessary mechanisms for implementation of the design elements of CORSIA, as adopted by Member States, starting from 2017 for adoption by ICAO's 40th Assembly and that would include:

- Calculation of the emission baseline which will determine the offsetting obligations of States participants of CORSIA.
- Implementation of Monitoring Reporting and Verification (MRV) system.
- Implementation of Emission Unit Criteria (EUC).
- Establishment of the SARPs and related guidance material related to MRV and EUC.
- Establishment of a consolidated central registry under the auspices of ICAO.

AACO 49th AGM **mandates** AACO and the Environmental Policy Group to work with the concerned Arab authorities and to coordinate with IATA and other regional and international entities, and the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) to ensure that the above-mentioned mechanisms will not add further burdens on the Arab airlines, and to report back to the Executive Committee regarding any developments.

On the other hand, and reference to the Early Mover principle, whereby previous AACO AGM resolutions requested that any global scheme to be adopted by ICAO should include this principle, which was not the case due to

an adamant move by majority of States not to include any controversial text to the resolution to be able to maintain consensus. Accordingly, AACO 49th AGM mandates AACO to work with all stakeholders to try to develop a methodology that would recognize efficiencies achieved by airlines prior to 2020 known as the Early Movers.