

Resolution on EU External Aviation Policy

The Arab European aviation relations are a cornerstone for trade and movement between the two neighboring regions; therefore, the EU aviation policy is of utmost importance to the Arab aviation community. In light of the European Commission intention to issue a new aviation package that will, inter-alia, set the European Union's plan for relations with third countries, AACO's 48th AGM wishes to highlight the following:

1. A major hindrance for the development of aviation between Europe and third countries and indeed within Europe itself is the airports' congestion and the fragmentation of air traffic management; hence, AACO AGM calls upon the European Union to place the highest possible priority to the development of infrastructure in Europe and the unification of the European aerospace.
2. The EU aviation package should support global efforts under ICAO umbrella in areas such as consumer protection, dealing with aviation emissions, and security and safety standards.
3. The European Union has always been an advocate of liberalization in market access in view of its tremendous added value to the consumer, economic development and indeed the aviation sector as a whole. AACO AGM calls upon the European Union to recognize in the aviation package the added value that competition brings to the market place and that any kind of protectionism will not bring a better business environment to either the European Union or third countries.
4. AACO AGM also calls upon the Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC) and the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO) to engage with the European Commission in order to highlight the principles that have been stipulated above.