

Agenda item 9 - Approval of Resolution recognizing that climate change, adaptation and resilience should be included in recovery plans and addressed as key issues for the sector.

The Resolutions were approved by the World Governing Board when it held its virtual meeting on 5 November 2020. They are presented to the Assembly for approval.

Action by the General Assembly

The General Assembly is invited to approve the four Resolutions, as follows:

RESOLUTION No. 3

The Thirtieth ACI World Annual General Assembly:

Recognizing that climate change is a global challenge that requires worldwide collaboration and action.

Recognizing the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on the aviation sector and that the entire sector will need a supportive regulatory framework in which to recover.

Recognizing that before the Covid-19 pandemic aviation was responsible for around 87.7 million jobs worldwide and supported 4.1% of the world's GDP.

Noting that climate change continues to pose the highest long-term risk that the world faces and that is far-reaching impacts, including an increased risk of emergence of future pandemics.

Recalling the IPCC Global Warming of 1.5°C special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels called for urgent action.

Reaffirming ACI Resolution No. 3/2018, and airports' continued commitment to take action on resilience and adaptation to climate change.

Noting that almost 70% of airport operators who responded to the ACI survey on Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change in 2019 reported that they had already been impacted by adverse weather patterns and conditions.

Noting that governments and investors are increasing requirements for organizations, including airports to report their climate-related risks.

Noting that a comprehensive climate change resilience and adaptation risk management strategy is needed to ensure the continuity of operations, and asset management

Noting that airports are looking for opportunities to build back better, where sustainability is at the core of these recovery plans, balancing: environmental protection, social welfare, and economic development.

The General Assembly resolves to:

- a. Urge governments to support airports recovery by providing policies, investment, and incentives to decarbonize the sector and make it more resilient
- b. Encourage airports to keep climate mitigation, adaptation and resilience as key parts of their strategies and recovery plans
- c. Identify opportunities to ‘build back better’ by keeping sustainability and resilience at the core of their recovery strategies
- d. Urge members to increase collaboration with other sectors and to join efforts across other industries.
- e. Encourage members to consider multiple solutions for decarbonization and to consider a gradual transition to net zero carbon in the long-term.
- f. Urge airports to continue to conduct risk assessments, including them as in integral part of their Master Plans.
- g. Encourage members to support the protection of biodiversity, which can also help preventing the emergence of zoonotic diseases contributing to avert future pandemics.

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