

## 40<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ASEAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY 25 - 30 AUGUST 2019 BANGKOK, THAILAND

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## RESOLUTION ON THE STANDARDIZATION AND LIBERALIZATION OF AIR SERVICES UNDER THE ASEAN SINGLE AVIATION MARKET

## The Fortieth General Assembly:

**Recognizing** that the ASEAN Single Aviation Market, also known as the ASEAN Open Sky Agreement, is the region's major aviation policy and a key strategic goal under the ASEAN Transport Strategic Plan for 2016-2025;

**Recognizing further** that the ASAM is a key component of the roadmap for the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community;

**Recalling** the ASEAN Leaders' Vision Statement issued at the end of the 32nd ASEAN Summit held in Singapore from 25 to 28 April 2018 reaffirming ASEAN's commitment towards a seamless ASEAN sky and promising to harmonize safety standards and increase air traffic management capacity and efficiency;

Affirming that an ASEAN Single Aviation Market is aimed to expand and deepen integration in all aspects of the aviation sector, including air services liberalization, aviation safety and security, and air traffic management;

**Appreciating** that all frameworks for the operationalization of ASEAN Open Skies and ASEAN Single Aviation Market have been completed, which include the ASEAN Multilateral Agreement on the Full Liberalization of Air Freight Services, the ASEAN Multilateral Agreement on Air Services and the ASEAN Multilateral Agreement on the Full Liberalization of Passenger Air Services;

**Acknowledging** the significant work done by the ASEAN Air Transport Working Group to advance the ASEAN Single Aviation Market including adoption of an Air Traffic Management Master Plan and the agreement for mutual recognition of licensing requirements for flight crew and pilots as well as further liberalization of air services within ASEAN and with ASEAN dialogue partners;

**Noting further** that many ASEAN Member States face infrastructure inadequacies to cater to the growth in air traffic and that ASEAN also lacks a common regulatory framework to provide universal training and safety standards across the region, impeding efforts to improve the region's safety reputation and encourage the mobility of skilled labor;

**Noting** the work done to further liberalize of air transport ancillary services, with the planned signing of the Protocol to implement the 11<sup>th</sup> Package of Commitments on Air Transport Services under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS) in 2019;

**Highlighting** that the ASEAN Single Aviation Market can establish a well-integrated and sustainable air transportation network among member states

**Noting** further that various proposals on advancing the ASEAN Single Aviation Market have been deliberated by the ASEAN Air Transport Working Group and ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting with the recommendations that ASEAN's focus and resources should be used to progress the initiatives identified under the ASEAN Transport Strategic Plan also known as the Kuala Lumpur Transport Strategic Plan;

## Hereby resolves to:

**Call upon** AIPA Member Countries to foster domestic laws and policies to support the liberalization of air services under the ASEAN Single Aviation Market;

**Call for** the AIPA Member Countries to encourage carriers and airport operators in their respective countries to improve the services standards and invest in efficient infrastructure and facilities for airline operations, without compromising safety and security;

**Urge** AIPA Member Countries to harmonize procedures and requirements in licensing and certification of personnel and technical equipment;

**Urge** AIPA Member Countries to ensure that sufficient resources are allocated for the implementation of the initiatives under the ASEAN Transport Strategic Plan to pave the way for the ASEAN Single Aviation Market.