59th AGM Resolution on Condemnation of Attacks on Civil Aviation

Recalling the international framework for protecting civil aviation from acts of unlawful interference, including the 1971 Montreal Convention and its 1988 Supplementary Protocol concerning unlawful acts of violence at airports serving international civil aviation; and

Reaffirming the resolutions of the ICAO Assembly condemning all acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation, regardless of their perpetrators, motives or the pretexts used to justify them; and

Recognizing that civilian airports and aircraft serve humanity and enable communication among peoples, and that attacks against them endanger innocent lives and undermine the safety, security and continuity of international air transport; and

Condemning the repeated attacks against civilian airports, aircraft and civil aviation infrastructure across the Arab region, which have resulted in the loss of innocent lives, injuries, damage to and destruction of aircraft and aviation facilities, and serious disruptions to civil aviation operations; and

Reaffirming that protecting civilian airports, aircraft, crews, passengers and aviation workers is a collective responsibility that must be upheld without selectivity or double standards, regardless of the country or airline affected, and that their safety and security must remain above all conflicts and disputes.

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THE AGM RESOLVES THAT:

1. AACO expresses its unequivocal condemnation and strongest denunciation of all attacks against civilian airports, aircraft, crews, passengers and aviation workers, and civil aviation infrastructure throughout the Arab region, regardless of their perpetrators, motives or the pretexts used to justify them.

2. AACO affirms that civilian airports are not battlefields, civilian aircraft are not military targets, and passengers, crews and aviation workers must be protected from the consequences of armed conflicts. Civil aviation must not be used as a means of pressure, intimidation or pursuit of military or political objectives.

3. AACO expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the victims, wishes the injured a speedy recovery, and affirms its full solidarity with all countries and airlines whose civil aviation facilities, aircraft, crews, passengers or employees are subjected to such attacks.

4. AACO calls upon States and all parties concerned to uphold their responsibilities under the relevant international conventions and applicable international law, and to ensure the protection of civilian airports, aircraft, crews, passengers and aviation workers under all circumstances, in accordance with these obligations.