59th AGM Resolution on Aviation and the Environment

Recognizing the importance of reducing emissions from international aviation through effective and globally coordinated environmental measures; *and*

Recalling that AACO's 57th and 58th AGMs called for the avoidance of duplicate obligations for the same emissions; *and*

Reaffirming that CORSIA is the globally agreed market-based measure for international aviation and that international aviation emissions should be addressed through ICAO without overlapping unilateral measures; *and*

Reaffirming further, the fundamental CORSIA principle of avoiding the double counting of emissions and emissions reductions; *and*

Recognizing that airlines bear SAF-related costs under ReFuelEU Aviation and the UK SAF Mandate, while the resulting emissions reductions are not recognized under CORSIA, creating a risk of double payment; *and*

Noting with serious concern that the European Commission has proposed extending the EU ETS from 2029 to flights departing the EEA and landing in third countries within 5,000 kilometres of Frankfurt Airport; *and*

Considering that, in AACO's view, the proposed expansion is extraterritorial in nature and inconsistent with the principle of State sovereignty under Article 1 and the multilateral framework established by the Chicago Convention; *and*

Concerned that this unilateral and arbitrary distance-based expansion could create competitive distortions for Arab airlines and encourage a patchwork of overlapping national and regional requirements;

THE AGM RESOLVES THAT:

1. The AGM opposes the proposed unilateral, extraterritorial and arbitrary expansion of the EU ETS to international flights from the EEA to third countries and calls for international aviation emissions to be addressed through ICAO.

2. The AGM calls upon ICAO to address the fundamental CORSIA principle of avoiding double counting and to endeavor to provide the necessary measures to avoid that double counting.

3. The AGM calls upon Arab Civil Aviation Authorities to address through ICAO the contradiction between the fundamental principle of CORSIA for accounting carbon emissions once and, as a result of different standards, airlines having to offset under CORSIA emissions that were already reduced through regulations that are imposed by national or regional authorities to ultimately work on a solution that prevents double offsetting for the same emissions.

4. The AGM mandates AACO's Secretariat to communicate AACO's position to the relevant European, regional and international institutions and to pursue the recognition of verified emissions reductions and the avoidance of overlapping obligations through national CORSIA legislation.