AGM Resolution 6/2014 on Unruly Passengers

Recognizing that unruly passengers’ behavior on board aircraft threaten safety and security, and that such behavior also adversely affects the travel experience of other passengers, causes operational disruption and leads to significant costs for airlines; and

Noting the efforts conducted by ICAO to enhance the current international aviation law instrument that covers offenses and certain other acts committed on board aircraft (Tokyo Convention of 1963); where ICAO gathered states in a diplomatic conference in 2014 that resulted in the adoption of a new protocol (Montreal Protocol 2014 – MP14); and

Highlighting the benefits that MP14 brings to governments, airlines, and passengers alike in terms of widening the jurisdiction of governments to prosecute unruly passengers, lessening operational disruption and costs incurred by airlines, and bringing convenience to passengers affected by an unruly behavior inflight; and while

Welcoming the resolution of the Council of Arab Transport Ministers in their 27th session that called upon Arab governments to join MP14, AACO 47th AGM calls upon governments to:

- Prioritize the ratification of Montreal Protocol 2014.
- Consider the adoption or amendment of supporting domestic legislation to secure the proper activation of jurisdictional and prosecution powers using ICAO Circular 288 as a guide.
- Raise public awareness on the consequences of failing to follow crew instructions or commit unruly behavior.