



Resolution on Roadmap for Recovery of Air Transport from the Impact of COVID19 Pandemic

Given that air transport is a major driver in the economy of the world which contributes by 4.1% to its GDP, and

Given that air transport is the backbone of a number of important businesses, particularly tourism, which raises its effective contribution to 10.4% in the GDP of the world, and

Since air transport and tourism were the hardest hit by the impact of COVID19 pandemic as well as the divergent regulations that many governments have imposed specifically on air travel, and

Recognizing the following:

- 1- COVID19 has turned into an endemic which may stay with us for a number of years until enough percentage of the population of the world is inoculated to achieve herd immunity, and
- 2- Science has proven that, with the biosafety measures taken by aviation stakeholders, the risk of transmission of the virus is almost non-existent in air travel processes, and
- 3- The overwhelming percentage of exposure to the virus is not caused by air travel but rather by social behavior, and that with the proper biosafety measures taken by the air transport stakeholders, opening borders and removal of restrictions, other than the biosafety ones, will not contribute in increasing the exposure to the virus.

AACO 54th AGM resolves the following:

- 1- Calls upon governments to follow the guidelines of air travel and biosafety that were agreed upon by the governments themselves through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) and their joint work which culminated in the publishing of the ICAO's Council Aviation Recovery Taskforce's Recovery Report and Take-off Guidance which is now available in its 4th edition.
- 2- Commends and welcomes the decision of the Arab League's Council of Economic and Social Affairs, which adopted General Principles for Air Travel Biosafety Measures and the mutual recognition of vaccination certificates based on global guidelines by ICAO and the WHO, and calls upon governments to implement those principles in the national measures with regards to biosafety and air travel, and directs AACO to support the work of the Arab League jointly with the Arab Civil Aviation Organization, the Arab Tourism Organization, and the International Air Transport Association.
- 3- Calls upon governments, that agree on Travel Health Corridors and/or Travel Bubbles to follow ICAO's guidelines while implementing those measures, particularly that they be temporary and that air services agreements, as they stand, should be the basis for any opening up for air travel under the travel health corridors and /or travel bubbles.



- 4- Stresses the importance of technology to create touchless processes in all the travel activities and supports the initiatives taken by a number of entities to develop and deploy applications that would facilitate touchless air travel, particularly the IATA Travel Pass and other applications which can be used by both governments and stakeholders.