



Joint Statement
by the
Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO)
Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)
Association of European Airlines (AEA)
Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA)
Air Transport Association of America (ATA)
and
European Regions Airline Association (ERA)
on
THE GLOBAL SECTORAL APPROACH TO AVIATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Brussels - 22 March 2010 - The heads of the world's regional airline associations today issued a statement reaffirming their commitment to the industry-wide global sectoral approach to aviation and climate change. The associations are supporting the efforts of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Air Transport Action Group (ATAG) to push for a strong International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) commitment at the ICAO General Assembly in September.

The statement reads:

“We reaffirm our commitment to the industry-wide effort to reduce aviation’s climate change impact through three targets: a 1.5 percent improvement in fuel efficiency annually from 2010; a cap on net carbon emissions from 2020 through carbon-neutral growth; and a 50 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2050, compared with 2005 levels.

“These targets remain the most appropriate tools for addressing aviation’s carbon emissions while allowing sustainable growth, which recognises the industry’s vital contribution to economic and social development around the world.

“We urge the member states of ICAO at their upcoming triennial assembly to confirm and support ICAO’s position as the most appropriate forum for addressing aviation emissions issues. It is essential that they agree to a global framework for aviation, to be implemented by ICAO, for inclusion in discussions at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change COP16 in December.

“The industry has a plan for reducing emissions. It is appropriate, it is ambitious and it will allow us to continue to grow responsibly while keeping climate change in check. The aviation sector has shown unprecedented support for a single, united vision to reduce emissions. We are taking action to meet our targets. The world’s governments must now take up the challenge by moving forward with emissions-savings initiatives under their control, such as air traffic control modernization and in adopting a truly global approach to aviation and climate change through their representation at ICAO.”

The statement was issued by:

- **Abdul Wahab Teffaha**, Secretary General of the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO)

- **Andrew Herdman**, Director General of the Association of Asia Pacific Airlines (AAPA)
- **Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus**, Secretary General of the Association of European Airlines (AEA)
- **Alex de Gunten**, Executive Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Air Transport Association (ALTA)
- **James C. May**, President and CEO of the Air Transport Association of America (ATA)
- **Mike Ambrose**, Director General of the European Regions Airline Association (ERA)

More information on the industry-wide initiative on aviation and climate change is available at:

http://www.icao.int/Highlevel2009/Docs/HLMENV_WP019_en.pdf (the industry's joint paper to ICAO)

and

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[E6DEDA2A6964/0/Brochure Global Approach to Reducing Aviation Emissions 280909.pdf](http://iata.org/NR/rdonlyres/DADB7B9A-E363-4CD2-B8B9-E6DEDA2A6964/0/Brochure_Global_Approach_to_Reducing_Aviation_Emissions_280909.pdf) (IATA's brochure on the initiative)

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Note to the Editor: The Association of European Airlines (AEA) brings together 36 European established scheduled network carriers. These collectively carry 347 million passengers and 6 million tonnes of cargo each year, operating 2,160 aircraft serving 662 destinations in 162 countries with 11,400 flights a day. They provide around 385,000 jobs directly, and generate a total turnover of €70 billion