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**FINAL RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY
THE 37TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SUN CITY, SOUTH AFRICA ON
14-15 NOVEMBER 2005**

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THE
HOSTING AIRLINE**

RES AGA 37/1

Noting with great satisfaction the efforts expended in the preparation of this Assembly and the hospitality accorded to the delegates by the President and CEO of South African Airways, Dr. Khaya Ngqula, and the management and staff of South African Airways;

Grateful to the Minister of Transport and Communications of the Republic of South Africa for gracing our Annual General Assembly with his presence and addressing the Assembly despite his busy schedule;

Mindful of the wise counsel and guidance he has given us;

Resolve to:

- a) Express our deepest appreciation to Mr. Jeff Radebe, Minister of Transport for his presence at our Annual General Assembly and for his wise guidance.
- b) Thank the Government and the people of South Africa for the warm welcome accorded to the AFRAA Secretariat, delegates and participants of the Annual General Assembly.
- c) Express our appreciation/thanks to the host airline; South African Airways, its President and CEO Dr. Khaya Ngqula and the entire staff for the excellent organization and preparation which made our 37th Annual General Assembly a resounding success.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2005

RES AGA 37/2

Be it resolved that:

Messrs KLSA Pannel Kerr Forster of Kenya be and are hereby appointed External Auditors of the Association for the Year 2005.

**APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND
AUDITORS' REPORT THEREON FOR THE YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

RES AGA 37/3

Be it resolved that:

The Statement of Accounts of the Association and the Auditors' report thereon for the year ended December 31, 2004 be and are hereby approved.

**APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BUDGET AND
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2006**

RES AGA 37/4

Be it resolved that

The annual budget and membership subscriptions for the year 2006 be and are hereby approved as submitted to the Assembly.

**SAFETY ENHANCEMENT IN AIR TRANSPORT
INDUSTRY IN AFRICA**

RES AGA 37/5

Whereas AFRAA and its member airlines are committed to maintaining high safety standards and ensuring a safe and secure air transport system in Africa;

Aware that the high percentage of aircraft accidents and incidents in the continent are mainly due to old aircraft particularly from the former USSR as well as aircraft involved in non-scheduled adventure operations, cargo and charter operations;

Convinced that the banning of the old aircraft from the former USSR coupled with measures strengthening safety oversight and strict implementation of licensing requirements by governments greatly reduces the accidents rate in the continent;

The Assembly resolves:

- a) To call upon African governments to ban the use of old aircraft from the former USSR with no traceable maintenance records and ensure that all operators including non-schedule cargo, charter and adventure operators, meet international safety standards before issuing them with air operators' licences.
- b) To call upon all states to rectify deficiencies that may be identified by the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) expeditiously.
- c) To request regional organisation such as the AU, NEPAD and ADB to take the lead in providing and sourcing of funding to assist governments and airlines to strengthen their infrastructural and human capacity to enable them meet and maintain international safety and security standards.

BLACKLISTING AND BANNING OF AIRLINES

RES AGA 37/6

Deeply concerned by the increasing trend, by certain countries and regional blocks, of banning and blacklisting of airlines;

Aware that such countries base their measures on unilaterally established and non-transparent assessment systems and safety standards outside those internationally recognised and agreed through the ICAO framework;

Convinced that such measures will unduly target airlines from developing countries, hamper the smooth operation of international air transport and limit the continued participation of African countries in international air transport;

Recognising that the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Program (USOAP) supplemented by the IATA Operational Safety Oversight Audit (IOSA) provide sound and transparent cost effective and programs that enhance safety;

Resolves:

- a) To call upon states and regional blocks to refrain from banning, blacklisting or taking measures on the basis of standards and requirements set unilaterally and that are not in line with the internationally agreed ICAO framework.
- b) Urge the African Civil Aviation Commission and the African Union (AU) in cooperation with AFRAA to take the lead in addressing the challenges posed by these measures and develop a coordinated and effective common response by African governments.

SUPPORT FOR IATA OPERATIONAL SAFETY AUDIT PROGRAM (IOSA)

AGA 37/7

Aware that the high rate of accidents attributed to aviation in Africa have created negative public perception about the safety of the African skies and reliability of the African carriers;

Highly concerned, that such negative perception will continue to adversely impact on the image and competitiveness of carriers from the Continent despite the fact that many of them conform to high international safety standards and have commendable safety records;

Convinced, that, while endeavouring to improve airline safety and reduce the rate of accidents in the continent, African Airlines should simultaneously make concerted efforts to individually and collectively bring positive change in the perception and image of the airlines;

Whereas the IATA Operational Safety Audit (IOSA) program which is designed to assess the operational management and control systems of airlines based on internationally recognized operational standards, enables airlines to enhance safety and make a clear positive statement about the integrity of their operations and their ability to manage safety associated risks;

Believing that joining the IOSA program will assist African airlines to enhance safety and to positively improve their image and thereby enhance their competitiveness;

Conscious that some African airlines may have difficulty in joining the IOSA program due to lack of financial and other resources and therefore may require special assistance;

Resolves;

- a) To urge all African Airlines to subscribe to the IOSA program as soon as possible.
- b) To call upon IATA and AFRAA to cooperate and work together to facilitate and assist African Airlines to join and implement the IOSA program and find ways to make the program affordable to African Airlines.

**AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES OF
ASSOCIATION AND BY-LAWS
THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN RES AGA 37/8**

Recalling that the Annual General Assembly at its 36th session held in Dakar on 6-7 December 2004, adopted a resolution (Res. AGA 36/11) approving in principle the member which may not be a member of the Executive Committee;

Recalling also that the 36th AGA directed the Legal Committee to propose amendments to the statutes of the Association to reflect the above changes;

Noting that the Executive Committee, after reviewing the amendments proposed by the Legal Committee, have recommended their submission to and adoption by this Assembly;

Noting the proposed amendments:

- a) separate the office of the President of the Association and the Chairman of the Executive Committee;
- b) allow the re-election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for a maximum of two terms;
- c) maintain the regional representation and rotation system of election of officers of the Association;

Convinced that these changes will create the possibility for greater identification of all members, increase the effectiveness of the Executive Committee and strengthen the participation of all members in the activities of the Association;

The 37th Annual General Assembly **resolves:**

- a) To adopt the amendments to the provisions of the Articles of Association and By-laws as presented in Annex A attached herewith forming a part hereof.
- b) Authorise the President and Secretary General to execute the Articles of Association and By-laws as amended and ensure their distribution to all members.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

RES AGA 37/9

Be it resolved **that the following Chief Executives are hereby elected to the Executive Committee for the terms herein specified:**

For a term of one year until the close of the 38th AGA

Mr. Nirvan Veerasamy	-	Air Mauritius
Mr. Kosmos Heinrich Egumbo	-	Air Namibia
Mr. Paul Ngamo Hamani	-	Cameroon Airlines

For a term of two years until the close of the 39th AGA

Dr. Khaya Ngqula	-	South African Airways (Southern)
Dr. Hosin Dabnon	-	Libyan Arab Airlines (Northern Region)
Mr. Girma Wake	-	Ethiopian Airlines (Eastern Region)
Mr. Mohamed Fattahi	-	Air Senegal International (Northern)

For a term of three years until the close of the 40th AGA

Captain Sabri Abdallah	-	Afriqiyah	(Northern Region)
Mr. Mohamed Ghelala	-	Air Burkina	(West and Central Region)
Mr. David Tokoph	-	Interair	(South)

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

RES/AGA 37/10

Be it resolved that Eng. Atef Abdelhamid Chairman of **EgyptAir**, be and hereby is elected President of the Association for the year 2006.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, 1st VICE CHAIRMAN
AND 2nd VICE CHAIRMAN**

RES AGA 37/11

Be it resolved that:

1. **Dr. Khaya Ngqula**, President and Chief Executive of **South African Airways** , be and hereby is elected Chairman of the Executive Committee for the year 2006; and further resolved that,
2. **Mr. Nirvan Veerasamy**, Chief Executive of Air Mauritius and **Mr. Mohamed Ghelala**, Chief Executive of **Air Burkina** be elected 1st and 2nd Vice Chairmen respectively for the year 2006.

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF
MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

RES AGA 37/12

Be it resolved that

1. The nominations shown on the attachment hereto made to the Commercial, Economic and Finance, Technical and Operations, Training, Information Technology and Legal Committees be and are hereby confirmed. It being further understood that the list shall be kept open for a further period of sixty days after the close of the 37th AGA to allow for further nominations by members who have not yet done so; and
2. **Noting** that the Standing Committees play a pivotal role in the work of the Association, request all members to encourage and authorize their designated representatives to effectively participate in the work of the respective Standing Committees.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE 38th AGA

RES AGA37/13

Be it resolved that the 38th Annual General Assembly be held in Cairo on 4-5 December 2006.

REFOCUSING AFRAA

RES AGA 37/14

Whereas AFRAA and its members are committed to implementing the agenda of transformation of the African Aviation Industry;

Aware that implementing such an agenda requires increased co-ordination of efforts by African airlines;

Convinced that AFRAA requires to work with greater cooperation with IATA and in order to do this requires further focusing of programme;

The Assembly resolves:

- a) To embark on a programme to refocus all AFRAA programmes in order to pursue sustainable development programme, in alignment and in greater cooperation with IATA.
- b) To appoint a task team led by the Chairman/President of AFRAA to develop a new mandate for AFRAA Secretariat on all aspects of AFRAA as an organization.

The Task Team members are:

- Kenya Airways
 - Egypt Air
 - Air Mauritius
 - Ethiopian Airlines
 - South African Airways
- c) The task team must report to the Executive Committee by June 2006 who must continue with the implementation of proposed changes and table a progress report at the next AGA.

DONE IN SUN CITY, SOUTH AFRICA ON 14-15 NOVEMBER 2005

Dr. Khaya Ngqula
President of AFRAA

Christian Folly-Kossi
Secretary General