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**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY
THE 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO ON
24-25 NOVEMBER 2008**

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF BURKINA AND THE
HOSTING AIRLINE**

RES AGA 40/1

Grateful to His Excellency Blaise Compaoré, President of the Republic of Burkina Faso, for gracing our Annual General Assembly with his presence and addressing the Assembly despite his busy schedule;

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 Air Burkina, and the management and staff of Air Burkina;

Mindful of the wise counsel and guidance His Excellency has given us;

Resolve to:

- a) Express our deepest appreciation to His Excellency Blaise Compaoré President of Burkina Faso for his presence at our Annual General Assembly and for his wise guidance.
- b) Thank the Government and the people of Burkina Faso for the warm welcome accorded to the AFRAA Secretariat, delegates and participants of the Annual General Assembly.
- c) Express our appreciation and thanks to the host airline; Air Burkina, its Chief Executive Officer and President of AFRAA, Mr. Mohamed Ghelala and the entire staff of the airline for the excellent organization and preparation which made our 40th Annual General Assembly a resounding success.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2008

RES AGA 40/2

Be it resolved that:

Messrs KLSA Pannel Kerr Forster of Kenya be and are hereby appointed External Auditors of the Association for the Year 2008.

**APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND
AUDITORS' REPORT THEREON FOR THE YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

RES AGA 40/3

Be it resolved that:

The Statement of Accounts of the Association and the Auditors' report thereon for the year ended December 31, 2007 be and are hereby approved.

**APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BUDGET AND
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2009**

RES AGA 40/4

Be it resolved that

The annual budget and membership subscriptions for the year 2009 be and are hereby approved as submitted to the Assembly.

**AFRAA AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS
TRAINING CURRICULUM**

RES AGA 40/5

Whereas it is mandatory for airlines to have an approved curriculum for training engineering and maintenance personnel;

Noting that the Training Committee has developed a standard Training Curriculum for Aircraft Maintenance personnel;

Recognizing that a jointly developed training reference document relating to a curriculum for aircraft and maintenance engineers and technicians training is of benefit to;

- i. African airlines that perform training for Airline aircraft maintenance personnel;
- ii. African airlines that outsource the training of their technicians/engineers as a reference for negotiations of their maintenance personnel training services.

Resolves to:

Adopt the AFRAA Aircraft Maintenance Technicians Training Curriculum as a guideline for the development of training material

**YAMMOUSSOUKRO DECISION AND
ECONOMIC REGULATIONS**

RES AGA 40/6

Noting with great concern the delay in finalizing the legal framework for the empowerment of AFCAC as an Executing Agency of the Yamoussoukro Decision (the Decision) would continue to be a stumbling block for progress in its implementation.

Noting that Regional Economic Communities (RECs) in West and Central, and East and Southern Africa have taken measures to harmonize Economic Regulations (market access, consumer protection and competition laws) in their respective member States and cooperate in the implementation of the Decision,

Convinced such cooperation and harmonization among RECs facilitate the speedy implementation of the Decision and creates a conducive environment for smooth operation of air transport services to/from and within the RECs,

Recognizing the adoption by the first Conference of the African Ministers of Transport held in Algiers 2007 of the Guidelines for negotiation of Air Service Agreements between the AU Member States and the European Commission and/or the European Union member countries (the “Guidelines”) is a step in the right direction towards achieving a common African external aviation policy,

Concerned however the adoption of the Guidelines as a legally non-binding instrument will significantly reduce its benefit to the African governments and air operators,

Resolve

On the implementation of the Yamoussoukro Decision to:

Urge the African Union and AFCAC to speedily resolve any outstanding issues and complete the empowerment of AFCAC as Executing Agency and provide it with the necessary resources.

On Economic Regulations to:

Commend the RECS in West and Central Africa namely ECOWAS CEMAC and UEMOA, and South and East African namely COMESA, EAC and SADC on the measures they have so far taken to harmonize the economic regulations in the member States of their respective communities,

Call upon all RECs to conduct a cost and benefit analysis of any proposed economic regulations in order to establish the impact on consumers and operators prior to their adoption

Urge the RECs to continue to involve all stakeholders and particularly AFRAA and the airlines in their respective region to participate in the preparation of regulation affecting the industry on Common Guidelines,

On Guideline for Negotiation with the EU:

Request the African Union to urgently disseminate the Guidelines to all African States in all the appropriate languages of the Union so as they may be able to use them in their negotiations with the EU and its member States.

Urge the RECs to adopt the Guidelines as a binding document for use by their Member States in their negotiation with the EU member States,

ON THE ECONOMIC CRISIS AND JOINT PROJECTS

RES AGA 40/7

Recognizing that the global economic down turn triggered by the financial crisis in the US and other major economies has had a significant adverse impact on the economies of African countries and the air transport industry in Africa,

Noting the measures taken by the various governments to mitigate the impact of the crisis to their economies and key economic sectors,

Convinced that African governments need to also take positive measures to ensure the continued viability of the air transport industry and their carriers,

Aware that the high level of taxes and charges imposed on air transport in Africa is contributing to the high cost of operations of African airlines and limiting their ability to offer competitive and affordable fares on the intra-African routes as well as international routes,

Noting with appreciation, the successful launching of the AFRAA joint fuel purchase project which will reduce the cost of aviation fuel to the participating airlines through economies of scale and increased negotiating power

Encouraged by the progress made on other AFRAA joint projects such as joint ground handling, common IT solutions

Resolve to:

Congratulate and commend the participating member airlines in the joint fuel purchase project and urge them to continue working together for the full realization of its benefits.

Call on all member airlines to actively support and participate in these cooperative and joint initiatives of AFRAA.

Urge African governments to reassess their tax and charge policies relating to air transport with a view to reducing or wherever possible remove such taxes and charges in order to enable African carriers offer to users competitive and affordable fares.

Urge Africa Governments to take appropriate measures at regional and continental level to remove all non-physical barriers such as visa and custom restrictions among others in order to facilitate the free movement of people and goods within Africa as well as to enable African carriers to develop intra-Africa route network and connectivity

ON BRAIN DRAIN

RES AGA 40/8

Recalling the resolution passed by the 39th Annual General Assembly calling on African governments, regional organisations and financial institutions to urgently address the threat of brain drain to the sustainable development of African aviation industry;

Noting with concern that no action has been taken so far to mitigate the impact of brain drain despite the airlines urgent call;

Resolve to:

Urge once again African governments, international organisations such as ICAO and IATA, and regional financial institutions to address this threat of Brain drain;

AIR TRANSPORT SUMMIT OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENTS

RES AGA 40/9

Concerned at the slow progress of implementation of various decision and resolutions adopted by African governments at regional and continental levels particularly those relating to the Yamoussoukro Decision;

Recognising the need for interventions at the highest level of governments in order to ensure implementations of these decision and programs as well as addressing the great challenges that African air transport industry is currently facing;

Resolve to:

Call on the African Union to convene a special summit of African Heads of States and Governments in 2009 to specifically address air transport challenges in Africa and give strong impetus to implementation of decisions and resolutions pertaining to African air transport adopted by States.

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

RES AGA 40/10

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

For a term of one year until the close of the 41st AGA:

Mr. Sanjay Bhuckory - Air Mauritius (Eastern Region)
Mr. Mohamed Ghelala - Air Burkina (West and Central Region)

For a term of two years until the close of the 42nd AGA:

Mr. Nabil Chettaoui - Tunisair (Northern Region)
Mr. Girma Wake - Ethiopian Airlines (Eastern Region)
Mr. Conrad Clifford - Virgin Nigeria Airways (West and Central Region)
Mrs. Siza Mzimela - South African Express (Southern Region)

For a term of three years until the close of the 43rd AGA:

Mr. Rammah Ettir - Afriqiyah Airways (Northern Region)
Mr. Abderahman Berthé - Compagnie Aérienne du Mali
(West and Central Region)

Members of the Executive Committee in their capacity as members of the IATA Board of Governors for the term of their membership in the Board:

Capt. Tawfik Assy - EgyptAir

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

RES/AGA 40/11

Be it resolved that **Mr. Ricardo Viegas** Chief Executive of **Mozambique Airlines (LAM)** be and hereby is elected President of the Association for the year 2009.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

RES/AGA 40/12

Be it resolved that **Mr. Rammah Ettir** Chairman of **Afriqiyah Airways**, be and hereby is elected Chairman of the Executive Committee for the year 2009.

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

RES AGA 40/13

Be it resolved that:

1. **Mr. Mohamed Ghelala** , Chief Executive of **Air Burkina**, be and hereby is elected 1st Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee for the year 2009; and further resolved that,
2. **Mr. David Tokoph** , Chief Executive of **Interair** , be and hereby is elected 2nd Vice Chairman for the year 2009.

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

RES AGA 40/14

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 40th 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 41st AGA

RES AGA40/15

Be it resolved that the 41st Annual General Assembly be held in Maputo, Mozambique 23-24 November 2009.

DONE IN OUAGADOUGOU ON 24-25 NOVEMBER 2008

Mohamed Ghelala
President of AFRAA

Christian Folly-Kossi
Secretary General of AFRAA