73rd IATA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
RESOLUTION ON CARGO MODERNIZATION AND INDUSTRY TRANSFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

NOTING that air cargo provides critical connectivity for the global economy transporting 35% of global trade by value, equating to a value of goods in excess of US$ 5.5 trillion and generates annual revenues for IATA members in excess of US$ 50 billion.

ACKNOWLEDGING that safe and secure air cargo operations remain the industry's primary objective and that efficient and optimized ground services support enhanced customer service and effective safety and security compliance.

RECOGNIZING that shifts in consumer behavior and the increased demand for on-time and temperature sensitive commodities require a high quality, predictable and transparent supply chain.

RECOGNIZING that the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) is an instrument that promotes enhanced international trade through simplification of border management complexities whilst promoting the enhanced use of technology by customs administrations including the provision of advanced air cargo information to facilitate effective supply-chain security compliance.

RECOGNIZING that efficient modernized air cargo services are necessary to continue to contribute to industry profitability and sustainability and that enhanced standards will enable member airlines, their customers and supply-chain partners to benefit from efficient data management solutions derived from data-on-demand mechanisms.

RESOLUTION

The IATA 73rd Annual General Meeting:

1) **AFFIRMS** its support for smart regulation designed to enhance air cargo supply chain safety and security, and urges governments and other regulators to engage in early dialogue with industry to ensure effective and workable measures are developed and implemented;

2) **CALLS** on governments to implement, at the earliest opportunity, the provisions of the WTO TFA to facilitate a reduction in border transactional costs;

3) **COMMITS** to supporting the adoption of modern and harmonized standards addressing the evolving demands of shippers, while ensuring safe and secure operations, particularly in relation to the shipping of special and vulnerable cargo as well as dangerous goods;

4) **STRONGLY URGES** airlines, freight forwarders, ground handlers and shippers to embrace the use of enhanced technology to provide data-on-demand, real time tracking, and transparent information services to the ultimate user of air cargo transportation;

5) **AFFIRMS** that the removal of paper based transportation documents must be concluded urgently in order to digitalize transportation information and that IATA members commit to the implementation of effective quality management solutions designed to enhance the shipping experience; and

6) **RECOMMENDS** support of cargo industry transformation through the Simplifying the Business of Air Cargo program which includes embracing the Smart Facilities initiative designed to enhance ground handling service quality through self-assessment and independent verification audit programs, aligned with the enhanced ISAGO program