



## Five principles for re-starting aviation

Global air transport is a vital contributor to the world economy. In 2019, 4.5 billion travelers arrived safely at their destinations by air and air cargo delivered a third of world trade by value. This activity supported 65.5 million jobs.

In the fight against COVID-19 the global air transport industry has been all but grounded as governments closed borders and limited the movement of people.

Without flying, the world has become poorer. Job losses in the travel and tourism sector are devastating to economies. Countless events for business or pleasure have been missed or postponed, and people have been isolated from all-important contact with family and friends.

Aviation will do its part to control the further spread of COVID-19. And we are preparing to restore aviation's social and economic contributions to our world by re-starting operations at the earliest possible safe moment to do so.

The airline CEOs serving on the IATA Board of Governors commit to five principles for re-connecting the world by air transport:

### 1. Aviation will always put safety and security first

Airlines commit to work with our partners in governments, institutions and across the industry to:

- Implement a science-based biosecurity regime that will keep our passengers and crew safe while enabling efficient operations.
- Ensure that aviation is not a meaningful source for the spread of communicable diseases, including COVID-19.

### 2. Aviation will respond flexibly as the crisis and science evolve

Airlines commit to work with our partners in governments, institutions and across the industry to:

- Utilize new science and technology as it becomes available, for example, reliable, scalable and efficient solutions for COVID-19 testing or immunity passports.
- Develop a predictable and effective approach to managing any future border closures or mobility restrictions.
- Ensure that measures are scientifically supported, economically sustainable, operationally viable, continuously reviewed, and removed/replaced when no longer necessary.

### 3. Aviation will be a key driver of the economic recovery

Airlines commit to work with our partners in governments, institutions and across the industry to:

- Re-establish capacity that can meet the demands of the economic recovery as quickly as possible.
- Ensure that affordable air transport will be available in the post-pandemic period.

#### 4. Aviation will meet its environment targets

Airlines commit to work with our partners in governments, institutions and across the industry to:

- Achieve our long-term goal of cutting net carbon emissions to half of 2005 levels by 2050.
- Successfully implement the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA).

#### 5. Aviation will operate to global standards which are harmonized and mutually recognized by governments

Airlines commit to work with our partners in governments, institutions and across the industry to:

- Establish the global standards necessary for an effective re-start of aviation, particularly drawing on strong partnerships with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Ensure that agreed measures are effectively implemented and mutually recognized by governments.

These are the most difficult of times. Aviation was among the first industries to feel the brunt of COVID-19. Enormous government stimulus packages have primed much of the world for an unprecedented economic boost when it is safe to return to business. It will take time, however, to rebuild the business and consumer confidence on both safety and economic issues that will be needed for people to return to flying. As a result, aviation is likely to be among the last industries to recover from this crisis.

Re-starting air transport is important. Even as the pandemic continues, the foundations for an industry re-start are being laid through close collaboration of the air transport industry with ICAO, the WHO, individual governments and other parties. Much work, however, remains to be done.

By committing to these principles, as business leaders of the world's airlines, we will guide the safe, responsible and sustainable re-start of our vital economic sector. Flying is our business. And it is everyone's shared freedom.

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