



RESOLUTION ON SLOT POLICY

RECOGNIZING that a lack of airport capacity impedes the ability of the aviation sector to meet its growth potential, thus preventing the full benefits of aviation from being realized;

ACKNOWLEDGING that, where the Worldwide Slot Guidelines have been implemented, new routes have been introduced and additional connectivity has been generated for consumers despite significant airport capacity constraints;

NOTING that no instrument of governance for airport capacity allocation is a substitute for adequate capacity and infrastructure at the world's airports;

APPLAUDING the efforts of airports, airlines and slot coordinators to collaborate in the development of slot policy for the benefit of consumers and the air transport system;

The 75th IATA Annual General Meeting:

1. REAFFIRMS the Worldwide Slot Guidelines ("WSG") as the essential basis for fair, neutral and non-discriminatory allocation of scarce airport capacity and for the promotion of growth, connectivity and consumer benefits;
2. DECLARES that, notwithstanding the many benefits of the WSG, such an instrument cannot be the solution to a lack of available airport capacity and infrastructure;
3. CALLS UPON governments to urgently address capacity shortages, in collaboration with the aviation sector, and ensure that adequate, cost efficient airport and airspace capacity is forthcoming, consistent with the aviation industry's ambitious goals for reducing CO₂ emissions;
4. CALLS UPON airports and independent slot coordinators to continue their positive engagement with airlines in the development of the slot process and the governance of the WSG;
5. URGES governments to adopt globally harmonized principles of slot allocation based on principles of certainty, transparency, sustainability and flexibility;
6. STRONGLY AFFIRMS that standards development and governance in the field of airport capacity must remain under the guidance and leadership of the industry;
7. EMPHASIZES the primary objective of slot allocation as being to ensure the most efficient declaration, allocation and use of available airport capacity;
8. ENDORSES the Statement on Objectives of the Worldwide Slot Guidelines at Appendix I.

Appendix

STATEMENT ON OBJECTIVES OF THE WORLDWIDE SLOT GUIDELINES

The prime objective of airport coordination is to ensure the most efficient declaration, allocation and use of available airport capacity in order to optimize benefits to consumers, taking into account the interests of airports and airlines.

Accordingly, the key objectives of the Worldwide Slot Guidelines are:

- To facilitate consumer choice of air services, improve global connectivity and enhance competition at congested airports for passengers and cargo.
- To provide consumers with convenient schedules that meet demand, are consistent from one season to the next, and reliable in terms of their operability.
- To ensure that slots are allocated at congested airports in an open, fair, transparent and non-discriminatory manner by a slot coordinator acting independently.
- To realize the full capacity potential of the airport infrastructure and to promote regular reviews of such capacity and demand that enable effectual capacity declarations for slot allocation on a seasonal basis.
- To balance airport access opportunities for existing and new airlines.
- To provide flexibility for the industry to respond to regulatory and changing market conditions, as well as changing consumer demand.
- To minimize congestion and delays.