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### **AAPA Welcomes Equalisation of Passenger Service Charges at KLIA**

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia** – Welcoming today’s announcement by the Malaysia Aviation Commission (MAVCOM) that Passenger Service Charges (“PSC”) would be fully equalized at Kuala Lumpur International Airport and other airports in Malaysia with effect from 1 January 2018, AAPA Director General, Mr. Andrew Herdman, said, “The imposition of different levels of charges at KLIA and klia2 was always seen as fundamentally unfair and led to significant competitive distortion amongst airlines competing for business at the same airport. AAPA is therefore pleased to welcome today’s announcement by MAVCOM that passenger service charges will now be applied on an equal basis throughout the various airports in Malaysia with effect from 1 January 2018. This will provide a level playing field, allowing all airlines the opportunity to offer competitive products and services to the travelling public.”

Mr. Herdman added, “More generally, AAPA fully supports MAVCOM’s initiatives to bring the Malaysian regulatory framework for aviation in line with the principles of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) on user charges. These principles include: non-discrimination, cost relatedness, transparency for aviation charges and regular consultation with users.”

Mr. Herdman concluded, “Air travel is now part of everyday modern life, and brings wider social and economic benefits connecting the Asia Pacific region and the wider world. AAPA continues to be a strong advocate of the need for aviation infrastructure, including airports and other aviation support services, to keep pace with the projected growth in demand for air travel. This will require significant new capital investment, coupled with a strong focus on operational efficiency improvements and service levels, working in close consultation with airline partners and other industry stakeholders.”

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The AAPA is the trade association for scheduled international airlines based in the Asia-Pacific region. The AAPA permanent secretariat is headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with international representation in Brussels and Washington, D.C. Collectively, the region's airlines carry 1,341 million passengers and 21 million tonnes of cargo, representing one-third of global passenger traffic and two-fifths of global air cargo traffic respectively, and thus play a critically important role in the ongoing development of global aviation.

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