

5 COMMITMENTS OF AIRLINES TO RESPOND TO COVID-19 CRISIS



The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has announced that the CEOs of the world's leading airlines, and the governments of the major global economies, are committed to complying with the five principles proposed by IATA to reconnect the world by air. The anti-coronavirus arsenal should allow airlines to gradually resume their activities after the Covid-19 crisis. Airlines are preparing to take off under the strict sanitary conditions, supervised by IATA.

1) Safety as a Priority

Airlines have committed to work with their partners in governments, institutions and across the industry to implement a biosafety regime capable of keeping passengers and crew safe, allowing efficient operations. Airlines also need to ensure that aviation is not a source of contagion for communicable diseases such as COVID-19.

2) Flexible Response to Scientific Developments

Airlines have committed to using the latest technology to ensure efficient, large-scale testing and/or immunity passports. They also plan to develop a predictable and effective approach to manage any border closures and mobility restrictions. The airlines will ensure that measures are scientifically based, economically viable, frequently re-evaluated and set aside when not necessary.

3) Aviation as a Driver of Economic Recovery

The airlines will restore the capacity to respond to the demands of economic recovery as soon as possible. They will ensure that air transportation maintains fair prices after the pandemic.

4) Meeting the Environmental Objectives

Airlines have committed to achieving the long-term goal of halving annual carbon emissions by 2050. They also plan to successfully implement the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (Corsica).

5) Operating acc. to Global Standards

The airlines will establish global standards for the necessary and effective recovery of aviation, in detailed global partnerships with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The aviation sector will also ensure that agreed measures are effectively implemented and mutually recognized by governments.

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