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NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
10TH ASSEMBLY, 4TH SESSION**

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RESOLUTION NO. 9
NORTHERN AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS:

THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION HAS ISSUED ITS FINAL REPORT ON THE ADEQUACY OF AIR SERVICES IN NORTHERN AND REMOTE AREAS,

AND WHEREAS:

ON DECEMBER 05, 1984 THIS ASSOCIATION IS ON RECORD RECOMMENDING ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF THE SUMMARY REPORT ON NORTHERN AND REMOTE AIR SERVICES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT THE CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION TAKE EARLY STEPS TO GIVE EFFECT TO RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE A.T.C. ON THE ADEQUACY OF AIR SERVICES IN NORTHERN AND REMOTE AREAS THAT FALL WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION, AND

BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT THE C.T.C. AND OTHER AGENCIES AND LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL REPORT TO EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

1. A VENTURE CAPITAL PROGRAM FOR MODERNIZATION OF NORTHERN AIRCRAFT FLEETS.
2. REMOVAL OF ALL TAXATION ON AVIATION FUEL NORTH OF 60
3. MINIMIZE OR REMOVE ALL GOVERNMENT CHARGES ON FACILITIES, LANDING FEES, AIRPORT USER FEES, ETC., NORTH OF 60
4. ELIMINATION OF CANADIAN AIR TRANSPORTATION PASSENGER TAX WITHIN AND TO OR FROM THE N.W.T. AND YUKON

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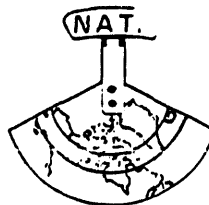
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NORTHERN AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

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NORTHERN AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDS ACTION TO IMPLEMENT FINDINGS OF AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE PANEL ON NORTHERN AND REMOTE AIR SERVICES.

The Northern Air Transport Association, representing scheduled and charter air carriers providing public passenger and cargo air services North of 60, welcomes the release of the Summary Report of the Air Transport Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission on "the Adequacy of Air Services in Northern and Remote Areas".

This report sets out the findings of a Panel of the Air Transport Committee following comprehensive public meetings in nineteen northern communities last summer, at which the Panel heard the views of concerned citizens, public interest groups, all levels of government and the carriers providing the air services.

Specific recommendations the Association will be pressing Government to implement as quickly as possible are as follows:

- 1) Venture Capital program for modernization of aircraft fleets.
- 2) Removal of all taxation on aviation fuel North of 60.
- 3) Minimize or remove all government charges on facilities, landing fees, airport user fees, etc., North of 60.
- 4) Elimination of Canadian Air Transportation Tax to northern residents.

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Implementation of these recommendations would finally recognize air service in the north to be as important to northerners as highways are to southerners, and would greatly enhance economic development and the quality of life.

Consumers could be assured of a 15 to 20 percent reduction in rates at minimal burden to the total Canadian population, should all levels of Government respond favourably to these recommendations.

The Association supports the Panel's conclusion that "both air transportation policy and regulation concerning air services in northern and remote areas must continue to evolve in a manner which benefits the communities served and the consumer of these services and which encourages the air carriers to provide an adequate and cost-efficient air service". The Association endorses the recommended objective to improve service to the public by encouraging the lowest possible air fares, reducing the regulatory burden on air carriers and encouraging competition where it can be supported on economical grounds, keeping in mind the necessity of ensuring reliable and regular service between points within northern and remote areas. These objectives should be advanced through the regulatory process which ensures that the views of all sections of the public and the evidence of the carriers are considered in a public forum. The Association will co-operate fully in the continuing consultative process recommended by the Panel.

The Association endorses the recommendation urging air carriers to ensure the greater use of Native peoples' languages, and the enhancement of training facilities and employment opportunities, and will work with the communities and government departments to achieve this objective, which is consistent with the practice of most air carriers serving remote areas.