

LUIS FONSECA DE ALMEIDA IS THE NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE ICAO EUR/NAT OFFICE

Paris (France), 5 January 2011 – Luis Fonseca de Almeida took office today as Regional Director of the ICAO European and North Atlantic Office.

"I arrived at the very beginning of this year to start a new cycle of my professional life aimed at further contributing to overcome present challenges faced by International Civil Aviation in our area of accreditation. In order to achieve this goal, I do consider continuous support to States and permanent dialogue with all aviation stakeholders as one of my top priorities," said Mr Fonseca de Almeida.



Mr. Fonseca de Almeida's life-long career in civil aviation began with the Portuguese Civil Aviation in 1973. He has been President of ECAC since September 2007, and Chairman of INAC (Portuguese National Institute of Civil Aviation) since July 2004. He was Vice President of Eurocontrol Provisional Council (2005-2007). As Chairman of INAC, he was responsible for the Civil Aviation National Security Authority, the Air Transport Emergency Planning Commission and he was seated on the Board of Public Works and Transport. Prior to this, he was a consultant for INAC (2001–2004) and Member of the Board of INAC (1998–2001) after having held a number of posts in the DGAC (e.g. Air Transport Director) since 1973. He holds a graduate degree in Economics and a post-graduate degree in European Studies from the Superior Institute of Economics and Management, University of Lisbon.

