



*International Civil Aviation Organization*

North American, Central American and Caribbean Office

**Second Meeting of North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (NACC/DCA/2)**

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 11 – 14 October 2005

NACC/DCA/2-IP/14

23/09/05

---

**Agenda Item 2: Safety Oversight**

**2.5 Safety -Related Topics**

**MULTILATERAL FUNDING FOR AVIATION**

(Presented by the United States of America)

**SUMMARY**

Many Contracting States realize the need for financial assistance to address aviation deficiencies. The United States believes that it is important for the global aviation community to work collectively to encourage the Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) and other funding organizations to invest in projects aimed at improving aviation safety.

**1. Introduction**

1.1 More than ever before, Contracting States must demonstrate their ability to manage a safe and secure aviation infrastructure in order to participate in the global economy. With dwindling resources available through traditional assistance programs and the number of deficiencies identified through the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Universal Safety Oversight Audit Program (USOAP), there is an ever-growing need for the provision of technical assistance to developing States worldwide.

1.2 For several years, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been working closely with various international financing institutions to promote investment in aviation projects. Stable and secure funding for aviation will generate a healthy global aviation system for Contracting States in need of assistance to improve their access to world markets, promote investment opportunities, and develop new economic sectors, such as tourism and international trade.

**2. Discussion**

2.1 The FAA has worked with multilateral development banks and U.S. Government funding organizations to secure funds for aviation infrastructure projects at both the national and regional levels. For example, in the Latin American region, the FAA has worked with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to support funding to develop the Central American Agency for Aviation Safety (ACSA), which is assisting many States to enhance their compliance with international safety standards.

2.2 In her remarks to the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Civil Aviation Authorities of South America (RAAC/9) earlier this year, FAA Administrator Marion Blakey called for the greater involvement by the MDBs in funding aviation infrastructure projects worldwide. Administrator Blakey also mentioned the FAA's intention to organize a high-level briefing at the World Bank to address this subject. The FAA believes that the MDBs should play an important role in providing resources towards improving the institutional infrastructure for global aviation safety. In order for aviation to be a true catalyst for economic development, it is critical that civil aviation authorities have in place the requisite training, regulatory, and oversight programs.

2.3 The FAA is working with the World Bank to organize the MDB aviation briefing in Washington, D.C. on October 19, 2005. This briefing will bring together Directors General of Civil Aviation from selected countries to deliver a unified global message to the MDB community on the positive trends in international civil aviation and the connection of safe and efficient aviation systems to economic development.

### 3. **Conclusion**

3.1 Given the clear and urgent need to enhance aviation safety and security on a global basis, Contracting States should work collectively in coordination with all public and private financial entities to promote investment in international aviation that will benefit the safety of passengers, the health of the aviation industry, and the future of international civil aviation.

3.2 The FAA will continue to promote greater investment in aviation infrastructure and will seek additional opportunities to work with our international partners towards this end.