



ASSEMBLY — 35TH SESSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Agenda Item 13: Technical cooperation**
13.2: Transition to a new policy on technical cooperation

SPAIN'S COLLABORATION WITH THE ICAO TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

(Presented by Spain)

SUMMARY

This paper briefly describes the contents and scope of Spain's collaboration with the ICAO Technical Cooperation Programme since the 31st Session of the Assembly approved the "Transition to a new policy on technical cooperation". Reference is also made to Spain's participation in contributing to the future funding of the ICAO Technical Cooperation Policy.

Action by the Assembly is in paragraph 4.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Spain considers that safety and, under the present circumstances, aviation security are the founding objectives of ICAO and it wishes to place on record the important function that the ICAO Technical Cooperation Programme has performed in providing an appropriate response since its establishment to the problems that civil aviation in less developed countries has successively faced and is facing.

2. COLLABORATION WITH THE ICAO TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME

2.1 Because of this conviction and following the letter and the spirit of Resolution A31-14, in which for the first time a call was made to the countries in a position to do so to provide funds for the ICAO Technical Cooperation Programme, Spain has in the last decade made an additional effort by funding more than four million dollars' worth of projects managed by that Programme for different countries, in spite of the budgetary restrictions that it has been necessary to impose in recent years both globally and nationally.

2.2 Some of these projects have been specially devoted to the training of personnel in the different areas of civil aviation because it is considered that it is precisely the training of aeronautical personnel that is the most cost-effective investment in the short and medium term for all countries, regardless of their level of development, and the best guarantee to ensure the safety and, under the present circumstances, the security of aviation users, without forgetting the need to implement the CNS/ATM systems with the greatest guarantees, for which we have also collaborated, *inter alia*, in the Satellite-Based Augmentation System/European Geostationary Navigation Overlay Service (SBAS/EGNOS) trials in the different Regions.

3. **CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUNDING OF THE COOPERATION PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE ICAO TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME**

3.1 A fundamental step in achieving better funding of cooperation by the countries of ICAO was the approval, by the 31st Session of the Assembly, of the “New policy on technical cooperation”; this funding is now complemented considerably by the establishment of the International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS) on 4 December 2002 which is a financial assistance mechanism “complementary to the existing ICAO fund-raising mechanisms”.

3.2 For our part, we hope that our effort, in relation to the “ICAO Objectives Implementation Funding Mechanism” included in the new ICAO policy on technical cooperation, is maintained and improved in the next trionum, by having the entities that the Spanish Administration has, such as the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI) which comes under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Aeropuertos Españoles y Navegación Aérea (Aena) and the Spanish National Civil Aviation Training Centre (SENSA) which both come under the Ministry of Development, collaborate with ICAO in funding projects proposed by ICAO and managed by the ICAO Cooperation Programme, all of them having the objective that they be directed to the areas of greatest interest to achieve international civil aviation that is safer at both the global level and in the Regions for which our collaboration is most efficient in view of their geographical or cultural proximity.

4. **ACTION BY THE ASSEMBLY**

4.1 The Assembly is invited to:

- a) note the contents of this paper;
- b) encourage States in a position to do so to contribute to the ICAO Objectives Implementation Funding Mechanism, included in the Resolutions on the updating of the new policy on technical cooperation.

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