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Mr. Melvin Cintron directs ICAO's NACC Regional Office, which is responsible for providing executive leadership to achieve the Organization's vision and mission in support of 38 countries. These are made up of the 21 ICAO Contracting States and 19 Territories to which the NACC Regional Office is accredited.

Regional Director Cintron holds a Master in Business Administration and is an Associate of Science in Aviation Management. He graduated with academic honors from the U.S. Army's Warrant Officer Candidate School, was a Distinguished Honor Graduate of the U.S. Army's Aviation Maintenance Officer School, and holds Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Commercial Pilot ratings in addition to airframe and power plant certifications. Mr. Cintron has also published several books in English and Spanish.

During his 35 years of combined military, industry, and government aviation experience, Mr. Cintron has held several key senior positions, including:

- Transportation Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan, where he served as the direct representative for the Secretary of Transportation in support of the Department of Transportation's efforts to rebuild Afghan Transportation system and infrastructure. His team's efforts led to the establishment of an independent Afghan Civil Aviation Authority, including development and implementation of a central aviation security system and establishment of a rail authority, among other accomplishments. He was also recognized for developing the migration strategies that were eventually the catalysts for transitioning the national airspace system from military to civilian operations.
- United States Federal Aviation Administration's Senior Executive heading the policies for the general aviation and commercial system, providing vision and strategic leadership for the most complex and diverse general aviation system in the world. Mr. Cintron was recognized for the development and implementation of the five year strategic plan for transforming/enhancing general aviation safety in United States.
- Head of the FAA's International Programs and Policy Division, providing leadership and oversight of all international regulatory and policy responsibilities within the FAA's flight standards for safety oversight of foreign countries, as well as foreign airline operations within the U.S. national airspace. His responsibilities covered implementation of the International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) oversight/audit program, as well as technical assistance programs.
- Representative of the U.S./FAA in bilateral agreements with the EU, Latin America, Africa, as well as other key international roles. Mr. Cintron has also served in Iraq as a military combat medic in the first Gulf war and as a military aviation maintenance officer in the second Iraq war.
- He was awarded the U.S. Army Bronze Star Medal, received the U.S. Secretary of Transportation International Award, the Senior Executive Foreign Service Award, and the National Visionary Award, among others. He has held aviation industry positions including Director of Maintenance, Director of Operations, Chief Inspector, and Marketing Director.