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DECLARATION TO PROMOTE CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE
DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF AIR TRANSPORT IN THE
PAN-AMERICAN REGION – VISION 2020-2035



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Declaration to promote Connectivity through the Development and Sustainability of Air Transport in the Pan-American Region - Vision 2020-2035

We, the Ministers and Authorities of Pan-American Member States, representatives of international and regional organizations, and of the industry, participating at the Fourth International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) World Aviation Forum (IWAF/4), held in Fortaleza, Brazil, from 17 to 19 September 2018, who have gathered to “promote investment for the development of civil aviation” through the establishment of a framework commitment to collaborate in the sustainable growth of air transport in our Region for the next 15 years, declare the following:

Our vision

Reaffirming that the future development of international civil aviation can strongly contribute towards establishing and preserving the friendship and understanding among nations and people of the world, and that each State has full and exclusive sovereignty of the airspace over its territory.

Recognizing that each State has full and exclusive sovereignty in the establishment of its public policies in accordance with its level of development and national priorities.

Recognizing the importance of regional collaboration among States, international organizations and industry for supporting the harmonized and sustainable development and growth of air transport.

Understanding that the adoption of a regional vision of the future promotes the opportunity for mutual cooperation and optimization of the use of resources to achieve common objectives.

Aligned with the ICAO vision of achieving the sustainable development of the global civil aviation system.

Recognizing that, with greater air connectivity with acceptable safety levels, supported by strong government institutions and having respect for the environment, we can contribute to the attainment of the United Nations (UN) 'Transforming our World: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the welfare of our States



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The Pan-American air transport authorities have today outlined the vision to pursue in order to foster a sustainable air transport growth in the Region, in favor of the social and economic development of the people, while recognizing air transport as a key tool to achieve this purpose.

We envisage our Region offering to the population greater access to the benefits of air transport in which the development of our populations will count with the timely support of a heterogeneous, seamless, dynamic and safe air transport network at all levels, whose efficiency in its infrastructure and services will be of global reference, achieving a greater degree of connectivity between the people of the Region and the rest of the world, and thus encouraging a greater commercial, social and cultural exchange.

We envisage the leadership of our Region within the global context of safety, in compliance with international civil aviation standards, and within a harmonized environment that makes it possible to take advantage of economies of scale for the civil aviation authorities in order to offer an appropriate level of oversight to Air Navigation Services Providers (ANSPs) in an effective and efficient manner, without creating unnecessary costs to States and the industry, and building an enabling environment for the development of the air transport business.

We envisage that the State' entities in charge of guaranteeing the safe, orderly and sustainable development of air transport will be empowered institutions able to develop their functions efficiently and effectively, generating confidence, stimulating innovation and promoting the continued growth of the sector.

We envisage an aviation system responsible for the sustainability of the environment that is developed in harmony with nature while protecting life on the planet and preserving the natural values that coexist day by day with the aviation activity.



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Our common principles and commitments

Reaffirming the commitment for the harmonized implementation of the global plans and objectives set in the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP), Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP);

Recalling that the ICAO Council encourages States to integrate in their legislations, regulations, and policies, as well as their air services agreements, the four basic principles of the set of rights: non-discrimination, cost-relatedness, transparency and consultation with users, in order to ensure compliance by airport operators and ANSPs.

Noting ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-14 on Regional Cooperation and assistance to resolve safety deficiencies, establishing priorities and setting measurable targets;

Noting ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-25 on aviation's contribution towards the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as regards achievement of its objectives with the support of air transport;

Taking into account that, collaborative efforts are required between States and the industry to implement these plans, in light of United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and that the implementations of these will effectively support States for the attainment of both national development objectives and SDGs.

Taking into account the scope of the No Country Left Behind (NCLB) initiative, approved by ICAO Resolution A39-23.



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Our Agenda

We announce today our Agenda that will frame the vision of the Region, and we aim to work in collaboration among our States and the industry, in order to promote measures necessary to guarantee the implementation of actions required to achieve our overarching goals.

We recognize that aviation in the Region is a growing industry that is vital for the promotion of regional connectivity, and that its sustainable development depends on: the availability of capacity and efficiency of its operations, through coordinated actions, in alignment with the GANP; the promotion of systemic actions to promote safety, security and facilitation, through measures aligned with the GASP and the GAsEP; and the adoption of actions to create economic stimuli for the development of air transport business plans in the Region, and the application of environmentally responsible measures.

Therefore, we have, as a vision, the following general objectives for the promotion of connectivity through the development and sustainability of air transport in the Region to:

- become a Region where air transport is available, affordable, seamless and sustainable for all our users, ensuring that it is even more accessible and efficient to overcome current logistical challenges;
- become a Region that plans and integrates civil aviation into the development plans of the States, in order to meet the growing demand for air transport services;
- become a Region where States and the industry systematically adopt civil aviation safety improvement measures, progressively reducing fatal accidents;
- become a Region where the culture of air transport security is incorporated into the training and operations of civil aviation organizations;
- become a Region that encourages and supports civil aviation authorities to succeed in their functions of promoting a safe, orderly and sustainable development of air transport; and
- become a Region where the growth of air operations is sustainable and keeps stable and to reduce the contribution of carbon emissions to the environment stable.



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Implementation

We will support the implementation development of the national and regional action plans necessary for the implementation of our vision.

All our governments are responsible for the follow-up and review of the progress made regarding the achievement of our overarching goals.

We invite Pan-American States, as well as other ICAO Member States, Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC), industry associations, industry, aircraft manufacturers and other sectors interested, to give support in the achievement of this vision.

We hereby express our sincere appreciation to our host, the Federal Government of Brazil, for its warm hospitality and support in the organization of this Fourth ICAO World Aviation Forum (IWAF/4), as well as for its contribution in achieving sustainable civil aviation growth in our Region.

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