



Agenda Item 3: Institutional aspects for the management and control of multinational systems and facilities

c) Extension of technical cooperation project RLA/06/901

(Presented by the Secretariat)

| SUMMARY | |
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| This working paper provides civil aviation authorities of the SAM Region with information about the extension of Project RLA/06/901. | |
| Reference: | |
| - Report of the fourth meeting of the Coordination Committee of Project RLA/06/901. | |
| ICAO strategic objectives: | <i>A – Safety; and C – Environmental protection and sustainable development of air transport</i> |

1. Introduction

1.1 Project RLA/06/901 on *Assistance for the implementation of a regional ATM system, taking into account the ATM operational concept and the corresponding support of communication, navigation and surveillance technology*, started operating in July 2007 with an initial duration of five years, extendable if required by the changing situation of regional aeronautical requirements.

2. Discussion

2.1 The Fourth Meeting of the Project Coordination Committee (RCC/4), held in Lima, Peru, on 1-3 December 2010, noted that the high rate of growth of air traffic in the Region as a result of sustained economic development, compared with the rest of the world in previous years, entails the urgent need to review and optimise the airport infrastructure and air navigation facilities in most South American States in order to increase capacity to face sustained and constant growth of demand.

2.2 Based on this, the RCC/4 meeting analysed the status of the Project and the draft Performance-Based Air Navigation Implementation Plan for the South American Region, which extended until 2018.

2.3 The aforementioned Plan establishes an implementation strategy aimed at deriving benefits for the ATM community in the short and medium term, based on user requirements, ATM infrastructure and the capacity of available and foreseen aircraft. The document contains the vision of the Region in the various air navigation fields (AGA/AOP, AIS, ATM, CNS, MET and SAR), assigning high priority to environmental protection, training and safety, aspects that are required for the evolution.

2.4 Within this context, the aeronautical community of the Region would need to continue receiving coordinated, efficient and cost-effective multinational cooperative assistance in air traffic management, planning and implementation of air navigation facilities, updating of standards, design of procedures and personnel training.

2.5 The RCC/4 meeting agreed that Regional Project RLA/06/901 was an excellent tool for the development of air navigation in the Region, recognising how difficult it would be to move on with the implementation of the ATM operational concept without the support of the project, and highlighted the important role of the meetings of the South American Implementation Group (SAM/IG), being the most effective implementation mechanism in the Region, supported by the project.

2.6 Likewise, the RCC/4 meeting analysed the cost-benefit ratio of the project, noting that more than half of the investment returned directly to the States in the form of fellowships, which indicated not only the positive allocation of resources but also an excellent relationship between the financial statements of Regional Project RLA/06/901 and the resulting benefits in terms of personnel training.

2.7 In view of the above, the RCC/4 meeting deemed it advisable to extend the duration of Regional Project RLA/06/901 beyond 2012 for five more years, as foreseen in the project document, to meet the new assistance requirements that might be identified, and for the gradual implementation of the activities being carried out. In this sense, it approved Conclusion RCC/4-02 requesting the ICAO South American Regional Office to consider extending the duration of Regional Project RLA/06/901 starting in July 2012, and to begin the process of approval of its extension for five more years.

2.8 In this regard, a proposal to revise Project RLA/06/901 is being prepared, which shall be submitted to the consideration and approval of the Fifth Meeting of the Project Coordination Committee (RCC/5) to be held in Lima, Peru, on 28-30 November 2011.

3. **Suggested action**

3.1 The Twelfth Meeting of civil Aviation Authorities of the South American Region (RACC/12) is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information presented in this working paper; and
- b) Continue supporting Regional Project RLA/06/901, *Assistance for the implementation of a regional ATM system, taking into account the ATM operational concept and the corresponding communication, navigation and surveillance (CNS) technological support.*