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Colonel Juan A. Gonzalez was born July 17, 1956 in Santiago de Chile. He is married to Gloria Veronica Ramirez and they are the parents of two children: Gloria Rocio and Javier Alejandro.

He entered the Aviation Academy of the Chilean Air Force in January 1974 and graduated as an officer in January 1977. During his career he has flown several types of aircraft such as: T-34, T-37, A-37B, BE-99, DHC-6, MK-72, DH-115, M-50, PA-28 and helicopters SA-315, UH-SL-4, S-55T, UH-1H, Bell-212, UH-60, BO-105 and BK-117.

He has been awarded several medals such as: UN Medal for Peacekeeping Mission in Kuwait (1991), UN Medal for Peacekeeping Mission in Irak (1998), Aeronautical Merit Cross of Chile (1999), Grand Star for Military Merit for 30 years service (2004).

In 1996 Colonel Gonzalez completed the Special General Staff course at the Air War College of the Chilean Air Force; in 1997 he obtained a Diploma in Human Resources Management at Bernardo O'Higgins University; in 1998 he graduated as Aeronautical

Systems Technician, Air War College of the Chilean Air Force. He has taught at the Air War College of the Chilean Air Force. In 2007 he attended an International Course on Security and Warfighting Operations at the USAF Air University.

Colonel Gonzalez has held the following positions: Commander of Aviation Group N°9, Sub-director for Development of the Operations Division; Chief, General Staff Logistics Command, Director of the Non-Commissioned Officers Academy of the Chilean Air Force.

In year 2008 Colonel Gonzalez was appointed as Director for Planning of the Directorate General of Civil Aeronautics (DGAC). As such he has the responsibility for advising the Director General on a variety of subjects such as the design of strategic and operational planning of the institution, evaluation of airport investment and development projects, preparation of national aviation regulations, conduct of international aviation relationships and general surveillance of the different divisions of the DGAC in order to see that all activities are conducted in accordance with institutional policies and objectives.