

Agenda Item 1: New scenario of the air transport and airport privatization

1.1 The meeting was informed about the work carried out by the Regional Office to make air transportation more flexible and in the area of airport privatization.

1.2 In this respect, the meeting examined the history of this matter, which was originated at the RAAC/6 meeting (Panama, 18-20 August 1999). It also took note of the action adopted by ICAO regarding privatization processes, and of the status of compliance of the conclusions formulated on that occasion by the aeronautical authorities, noting that they had all been developed in a broad framework of coordination between ICAO and LACAC and within the context of economic globalization, trade integration, and the work carried out by inter-institutional fora at the regional level.

1.3 On the other hand, the meeting examined the trade integration processes in the Americas, highlighting the role played by the ICAO South American Regional Office in the harmonization and coordination of policies for an orderly development of air transportation that will serve the interests of all stakeholders.

1.4 Upon reviewing the new scenario for air transportation, emphasis was placed on the work initiated during the ICAO/LACAC/IADB/IATA/AITAL colloquium. This gave rise to an extensive discussion on the new scenario for air transportation and the incorporation of new actors: aeronautical authorities, regulatory bodies, airlines and airport operators. Likewise, note was taken of the mandate of Heads of State and government of Ibero-America in the field of air transportation and the charge given to the Ministers of Transportation and authorities responsible for civil aviation of taking measures that may contribute to the development of regional air transportation. In this respect, the work being carried out by the High-Level Post-Colloquium Committee was highlighted.

1.5 Lastly, the meeting analyzed the regional situation in terms of airport privatization. It also considered the information submitted by the Secretariat regarding the concession processes involving some 140 airports, the work carried out at the world airport conference summoned by ICAO in August 2000, and its important guidelines.

1.6 As a result of the debate, the civil aviation authorities of the SAM Region agreed to the following:

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Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region are urged to:

- a) encourage cooperation between sub-regions in the field of air transportation, encouraging the integration of the Fortaleza and the Andean Community of Nations (CAN) agreements, in order to reach an agreement on increased flexibility for the South American region;

- b) encourage internal and external coordination among the bodies representing the new actors (aeronautical authorities, regulatory bodies, airport operators and airlines);
- c) promote the establishment of national strategies for implementing the agreements reached by the Ministers;
- d) provide all their support to the forum of ministers of the air transportation subsector within the framework of LACAC, as a mechanism for strengthening regional air transportation;
- e) support the coordination between the specialized bodies and any new initiatives that may arise, in order to continue supporting international cooperation and avoiding the duplication of efforts; and
- f) promote the harmonization of economic standards and regulations for air transportation, with emphasis on the development of CNS/ATM systems and the corresponding multinational services and facilities.