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CAPACITY BUILDING IN LATIN AMERICAN STATES WITH ASSISTANCE FROM LACAC

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This working paper describes the opportunities for capacity building that have been created by the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission

Action: The Assembly is invited to:

- a) encourage the civil aviation authorities of the LACAC Member States to establish and strengthen partnerships for aviation training and development;
- b) urge through regional and interregional cooperation and knowledge exchange the sharing of available training resources, instructors, curriculum designers, and the maintenance of a roster of aviation training experts; and
- c) promote harmonization among States in the region with respect to teaching and training in the areas of air navigation and safety.

<i>Strategic Objectives:</i>	This working paper relates to all Strategic Objectives and all supporting strategies.
<i>Financial implications:</i>	Positive for States: establishment of a joint approach to capacity building and training. Positive for ICAO and the States Members of LACAC: assuming that agreement is reached by regional groups on common agendas regarding training, given that this is a cross-cutting issue that calls for harmonization.
<i>References:</i>	A40-25: Implementing Aviation Training and Capacity-Building Strategies

¹ Spanish version provided by Uruguay.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The civil aviation authorities of the States participating in the Second Conference of Aeronautical Authorities of Latin America, held in Mexico City in December 1973, established the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) with the aim of achieving the broadest possible collaboration in solving civil aviation problems in South America, Central America, including Panama, Mexico and the Caribbean States.

1.2 Since its inception, LACAC has coordinated regional capacity-building efforts in the Latin American region.

1.3 One of the main thrusts of LACAC's activities is to conclude agreements with States and organizations in other regions to provide opportunities for Latin American States to access training in all fields of aviation.

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 The Commission's primary objective is to provide to civil aviation authorities of the Member States an appropriate framework within which to discuss and plan all the required measures for cooperation and coordination of all their civil aviation activities. For the fulfilment of its objectives, the Commission carries out all necessary functions and in particular:

- a) Fosters and supports coordination and cooperation between the States for the orderly development and better utilization of air transport within, to and from Latin America;
- b) Carries out research on the economic aspects of air transport in the region;
- c) Promotes improvements in the exchange of statistical information between the Member States, by means of improved and timely filing of the ICAO forms and the provision of such other statistical information which it may decide to collect on a regional basis;
- d) Encourages the application of ICAO standards and recommended practices on facilitation and proposes further measures aimed at greater facilitation of the movement within the region of passengers, freight and mail;
- e) Fosters arrangements between the States of the region contributing to a greater implementation of the ICAO Regional Plans for the provision of air navigation facilities and services, and the adoption of ICAO specifications in the fields of airworthiness, maintenance and operation of aircraft, licensing of personnel, and aircraft accident investigation;
- f) Fosters arrangements for the training of personnel in all fields of civil aviation;
- g) Fosters collective arrangements for technical assistance in Latin America in the field of civil aviation with a view to obtaining the best possible use of all available resources, particularly those provided within the framework of the United Nations Development Programme.

2.2 In seeking to translate its functions into tangible action, the Commission maintains a consultative relationship with the Organization of American States (OAS), the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Latin American Free Trade Association (LAFTA), the Board of the Cartagena Agreement (Andean Pact), the Central American Common Market (CACM), and the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA), and such other organizations it deems appropriate or necessary.

2.3 The Executive Committee, comprising the President (the office currently held by the representative of the State of Uruguay) and the Vice-Presidents elected by the Assembly, coordinates and oversees the work programme established by the LACAC Assembly. One of the lines of action that is emphasized is capacity building through agreements with States and organizations for the delivery of training courses for all aviation professionals.

3. TRAINING

3.1 Training is one of the main objectives of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission.

3.2 In the context of training and capacity building in the field of civil aviation, LACAC promotes agreements for personnel training in all civil aviation specializations and has accordingly developed a draft programme of meetings and training 2022-2023 offering specific staff development courses with the aim of ensuring the integration of concepts and the effectiveness of training.

3.3 In creating this programme, the Commission has followed the practices recommended by ICAO in resolutions of the Assembly, and the ICAO Global Aviation Training Programme. The practices followed are listed below.

Relevant practices

(I) The Council should increase assistance to Member States to enable them to harmonize aviation professionals' levels of competency, including by establishing competency frameworks for all aviation-related jobs.

(II) These initiatives should be based on the following:

- a) Data analysis to determine job requirements, expected human performance, and priorities and needs;
- b) identified training needs for the implementation of ICAO provisions; and
- c) a competency-based training approach.

3.4 The Commission has followed and implemented the recommendation on capacity building and aviation capacity building training strategies. In accordance with this recommendation, the Commission has:

- a) forged relationships for aviation learning and development with multinational learning and training institutions in order to deliver virtual and in-person courses for the SAM region;
- b) established partnerships for dealing with issues relating to training and learning through regional cooperation and knowledge exchange, including, inter alia, the sharing of available training resources, instructors, course and curriculum designers, and the maintenance of a roster of aviation training experts.

3.5 In its efforts to coordinate training activities, the Commission has concluded agreements with China and Singapore for the delivery of courses for senior officials and for specialization of technicians in different areas of aviation. In addition, it is constantly developing contacts with organizations in seeking training and coaching for Latin American States in order to upgrade the competencies of Latin American aviation professionals.

4. **CONCLUSION**

4.1 The Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) plays an important role in concluding strategic agreements to promote capacity building in Latin American States.

4.2 One of the pillars of such agreements is regional and interregional cooperation in arranging for access to training and coaching provided by States that are more advanced in aviation.

4.3 The Assembly is requested to promote increased assistance to developing countries from the States that are more advanced in aviation through regional and interregional agreements and to channel such assistance through regional civil aviation organizations, such as LACAC.

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