



Agenda Item 5: Other Business

AERODROME CERTIFICATION PROCESS IN THE CUBAN CIVIL AVIATION

(Presented by Cuba)

SUMMARY	
This information paper presents an update of the Aerodrome Certification Process in the Cuban Republic.	
References:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cuban Aeronautical Regulation RAC 14. Aerodromes and Heliports – October 2007• Aerodrome Certification Manual – May 2003	
Strategic Objectives	<i>A: Safety - Enhance global civil aviation safety</i>

1. Introduction

1.1 The Aerodrome Certification process in the Cuban Republic started when the Aerodrome Regulations came into effect and was approved by a Resolution of the President of the Cuban Civil Aviation Institute in March 1999, being later abolished in December 2007 by the “Cuban Aeronautical Regulation RAC 14 – Aerodromes and Heliports”, which provides in its Procedural Handbook actions to be taken for its implementation.

2. Development

2.1 Among the certified aerodromes in the Cuban Civil Aviation System that have obtained the Aerodrome Certification are:

- Aeropuerto Internacional “Ignacio Agramonte”, Camaguey. Certified January 2001. Recertified in 2006.
- Aeropuerto Internacional “Juan Gualberto Gómez”, Varadero. Certified January 2001. Recertified in 2006.
- Aeropuerto Internacional “José Martí”. Boyeros, Havana City. Certified December 2006. Recertified in 2011.
- Aeropuerto Internacional “Frank País”, Holguín. Certified February 2003. Recertified in 2008.
- Aeropuerto Internacional “Sierra Maestra”, Manzanillo. Certified December 2006. Recertified in 2011.
- Aeropuerto Internacional “Jardines del Rey”, Cayo Coco. Ciego de Ávila. Certified December 2006. Recertified in 2011.

2.2 All international airports have their Aerodrome File and planned inspections, which are conducted in accordance with a Plan Approved by the Cuban Civil Aviation Institute (IACC) every year, and which is controlled at the highest directorate at the Aeronautical Directors and Safety Board Meetings.

2.3 Among the most relevant deficiencies identified and in process of corrective actions are:

- Aging of asphalt pavements
- Completion of vertical signs in the airfield
- Lack of systematization in the execution of the aerodrome maintenance plans.

3. Conclusions

3.1 Aerodrome Certification with its Safety Management System has allowed our Country to increase our Safety operational levels in accordance with the ICAO Strategic Objectives and guarantee a safety operation in our aerodromes, nevertheless the non-conformities identified through a continuous feedback as a result of daily inspections carried out by the aerodromes specialists in their airport units and of the periodic inspections carried out by the Civil Aviation in our Aviation System through their Plan and for which the Cuban State identify the necessary resources for resolving them through the yearly Investment and Maintenance Plans.