

**Civil Aviation Institute of Cuba
President**

Havana, 13 March 2018

Ref.: AS 8/5-18/17 concerning laser illumination and flight safety

Madam,

With respect to the issue referenced above, I have the honour to inform you of the work undertaken by the Civil Aviation Institute of Cuba to mitigate the risk of the hazard posed by laser attacks against civil aircraft.

We have updated Cuban Aeronautical Regulation RAC-14 on Aerodromes and Heliports to align with the amendment to ICAO Annex 14 relating to this issue; State safety oversight action will include, during IACC inspections of airport service providers, monitoring of compliance with the provisions of the aforementioned RAC-14 concerning protected zones around aerodromes.

Airport rules and inspectors are in place, committees have been created for the oversight, monitoring and analysis of violations of the rules and regulations, and these work in coordination with domestic law enforcement authorities as required. Furthermore, flight safety cooperation agreements have been established with non-aviation entities in areas adjacent to airports.

In addition, the Cuban Aviation Authority is cooperating closely with other concerned ministries in order to categorize laser attacks against civil aircraft and establish respective penalties in the legal provisions on such violations being developed at national level.

Please accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.