



ASSEMBLY — 37TH SESSION

PLENARY

Agenda Item 2: Statements by delegations of Contracting States and of Observers

STATEMENT

(Presented by the Latin American Association of Air and Space Law)

1. It is again a privilege for ALADA to participate at the 37th ICAO Assembly and wishes to all State Members and Observers very successful and fruitful debates in this important international civil aviation forum.
2. ALADA is a non profit, private and international civil association, with its By-Laws registered at Argentina in 1969. So on this year 2010 ALADA is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary because it was founded in Buenos Aires on November 18th, 1960. ALADA has had the privilege of working with ICAO, as well as with LACAC and other regional entities in order to study and contribute to develop the most actual and significant subjects within the International Civil Aviation area, as it recently happened with the Conventions on compensation for damages caused by aircrafts to third parties resulting from acts from general risks and unlawful interference and the Two Drafts of Conventions addressing new and emerging Threats.
3. Within the permanent and intense academic work performed by ALADA during its first half century of existence, we can mention some important International Meetings beyond the Latin American borders, such as three Latin American ones on Aeronautical and Space Law in Seville, Spain (in 2007) and in Rome and Sassari, Italy (in 2004 and 2010) welcomed and framed by prestigious European Universities.
4. This Association has 437 Members up to date and several National Chapters (Argentina, Mexico, Peru, Dominican Republic and Uruguay). Most of its Members are Legal Experts on Aeronautical and Space Law, but there are also important Companies engaged in the same fields as Corporate Members and though most of the Membership belongs to the Latin American area, North America, Europe and Near East countries are also represented among them, which means that several Legal Systems of the World are included in our academic work.
5. ALADA has published 22 books since 1994, which is an important bibliographical contribution of the legal knowledge of its Members, in an effort to help to find the best international legal and legislative solutions to many problems regarding the Civil Aviation. Most of these books have been donated to the ICAO Library.

6. Within its permanent work ALADA actively participates in Professional Capacitation through annual courses in the city of Buenos Aires on subjects such as Aeronautical Law, Air Transport Economy and Safety, Security and Facilitation. These courses are attended by Officers, Lawyers and Economists of Latin American and Cape Verde Civil Aviation Authorities, Airlines and Airports Companies, Academic Organizations and Providers of Air Services. ALADA has also organized many of its courses in different countries of the Latin American region and Cape Verde, in coordination with Civil Aviation Authorities and Airport Companies.

7. Finally, ALADA wishes to renew its compromise, in the academic level, to a permanent collaboration to the leading ICAO work to improve and develop the different aspects of the International Civil Aviation Systems.

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