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**DECLARATION OF INTENT
FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) REGIONAL OFFICE
FOR NORTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN (NACC)
REGIONAL NO COUNTRY LEFT BEHIND (NCLB) STRATEGY**

BETWEEN

**THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES OF
NORTH AMERICA (NAM) CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (CAR)**

AND THE

ICAO NACC REGIONAL OFFICE

Done by the Sixth Meeting of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation (NACC/DCA/6), held in Nassau, Bahamas, 10 to 12 May 2016, convened by the ICAO NACC Regional Office, and with the participation of high level officials representing North American (NAM) and Caribbean (CAR) Regions Member States/Territories, International Organizations and industry,

WHEREAS, the ICAO NACC Regional Office and the Civil Aviation Authorities of the NAM/CAR Regions, have as a common purpose the promotion and development of technical cooperation in civil aviation between the countries in the regions; and

WHEREAS, the Directors General representing the NACC member States, are authorized to develop procedures and programmes to meet the needs for the safe and efficient systems in civil aviation, and to enter into cooperative arrangements to achieve this objective; and

WHEREAS, such cooperation shall encourage the development of civil aviation and safety of air commerce in NAM/CAR Regions; and

WHEREAS, the Port-of-Spain Declaration will conclude on December 2016, and the various commitments remain unaccomplished or unresolved; and in being proactive, as well as recognizing the different challenges and socio-political and economic realities of the various member States/Territories accredited to the ICAO NACC Regional Office; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the member States/Territories to have tailored action plans that take into consideration these differences and challenges specific to each State/Territory, and that these tailored action plans can be developed as part of the *ICAO NACC Regional NCLB Strategy* between the NACC Regional Office and the State Civil Aviation Authority; and

CONSIDERING the important role of aviation as a contributor for economic and social development throughout the world, contributing to the creation of 8.5 million jobs and up to 700 billion dollars to the Global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and due to its cross-cutting nature and multiple links to other economic sectors, the total economic impact of aviation reaches some 3.5 percent of world GDP, equivalent to 2.4 trillion dollars, with the creation of 58.1 million jobs; and

CONSIDERING ICAO's current strategic objectives are linked to 13 of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and some States are below the global average of implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs);

NOW THEREFORE, the ICAO NACC Regional Office and the Civil Aviation Authorities of the NAM/CAR Regions intend to the following, non-binding arrangement:

ARTICLE I—OBJECTIVE

- A. This Declaration of Intent establishes the arrangements for mutual cooperation in the promotion and development of civil aviation, in support of the *ICAO NACC Regional NCLB Strategy* in order to assist States increasing their Effective Implementation (EI) of ICAO SARPs.
- B. Signatories to this Declaration intend to support the implementation of the *ICAO NACC Regional NCLB Strategy*, incorporating previously agreed commitments of the Port-of-Spain Declaration. Any additional metrics and deliverables will be developed separately as part of a specific Action Plan to be developed and concluded between the ICAO NACC Regional Office and each individual NAM/CAR member State.
- C. These objectives may be further enhanced by mutually agreeable cooperation in any of the following areas:
 - 1. The exchange of information regarding programmes and projects, research results or publications.
 - 2. The execution of joint analyses.
 - 3. The development and execution of joint action plans with accountable personnel assigned to the completion of all tasks.
 - 4. The coordination of research and development programmes and projects, and their execution based on shared effort.
 - 5. The exchange of operational and technical staff.

6. The exchange of specific equipment and systems for research activities and compatibility studies.
7. The joint organization of symposia, conferences or workshops.
8. Reciprocal consultations with the aim of establishing concerted action with appropriate international bodies.

ARTICLE II—IMPLEMENTATION

A. ICAO NACC REGIONAL OFFICE UNDERTAKINGS:

1. Developing, monitoring, and managing of the *ICAO NACC Regional NCLB Strategy* in coordination with States as a methodology for assisting them on implementing ICAO SARPs and improving their levels of Effective Implementation.
2. Encouraging States to take appropriate measures to progress in their phased implementation of ICAO SARPs and completion of tailored NCLB action plans.
3. Promoting support from aviation safety partners including donor States, international organizations, industry and financial institutions encouraging them to assist States/Territories to improve ICAO SARPs implementation by enhancing regional coordination, cooperation and collaboration.
4. Approaching entities to secure funding for the sustainable development of air transport.
5. Approaching States and aviation partners for getting technical expertise to assist in the implementation of ICAO SARPs while focusing on priorities.
6. Promoting the cooperation between States and aviation partners to cooperate to facilitate the resolution of aviation related issues.
7. Monitoring the implementation of ICAO SARPs by NAM/CAR Region Member States.
8. Leading the alignment and integration of regional frameworks, including the various ICAO Regional Groups, towards achieving ICAO objectives, regional, and national targets.

B. NACC MEMBER STATE UNDERTAKINGS:

1. Actively participating in the ICAO NACC Regional Office activities established to facilitate the compliance with the ICAO strategic objectives.
2. Making use of all available resources to expedite full implementation of ICAO SARPs, where appropriate.

3. Cooperating with each other to facilitate the effective implementation of ICAO SARPs, where appropriate.
 4. Seeking to secure funding for the sustainable development of air transport to enable a safe, secure, and environmentally responsible air transport system.
 5. Providing “Champion State¹” support to contribute with technical expertise to the regional activities under the *ICAO NACC Regional NCLB Strategy* and the leadership of ICAO.
 6. Cooperating with each other and aviation partners to facilitate the resolution of aviation related issues.
- C. Representatives from the ICAO NACC Regional Office and the member States meet periodically to discuss proposals for new cooperative activities. A joint review of the status of ongoing activities to be conducted at least yearly by the participants, and, where possible, during the ICAO NACC Directors of Civil Aviation regional meetings.

ARTICLE III—EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL

The participants may exchange technical personnel as required, and appropriate, to pursue the activities described. Such personnel may be from the ICAO NACC Regional Office, the Member States, or supporting Government agencies or contractors, as required and appropriate under terms that would be part of separate agreement if required.

ARTICLE IV—FUNDING

- A. Available funding sources to be used in accordance with the structure implemented by agreement under Project RLA/09/801.
- B. Other third party funding mechanisms should continue to be sought by States and ICAO NACC Regional Office in support of NAM/CAR States/Territories, and as agreed to by the participants with assistance from the ICAO NACC Regional Office as needed.

ARTICLE V—AMENDMENTS

This Declaration may be amended by mutual consent of the participants. The details of any such amendment shall be memorialized in writing.

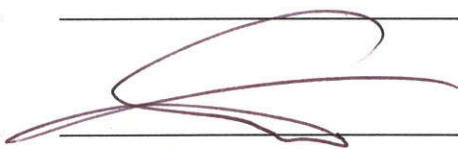

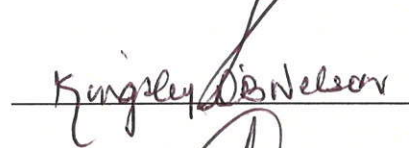


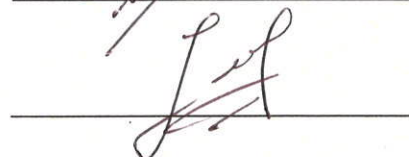
¹ A State that commits to providing assistance to others in the Region in the areas in which it excels.





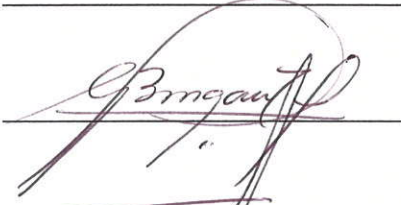
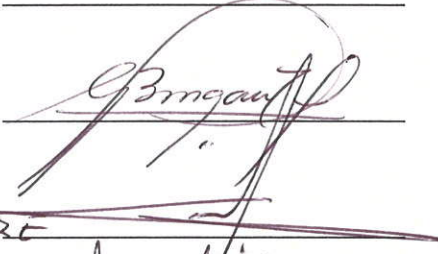

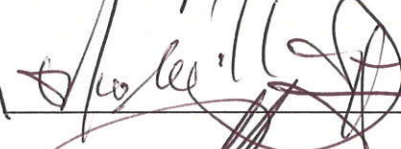

ARTICLE VI—COMMENCEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

This Declaration takes effect when at least 60 percent of the States/Territories have signed and shall continue until terminated through general consensus of the ICAO NACC Regional Office in coordination with the member States/Territories.

ARTICLE VII—AUTHORITY

The ICAO NACC Regional Office and the Directors of Civil Aviation of the NAM/CAR States join in this Declaration as indicated by the signature of their duly authorized representatives.

	Name/Nombre	Signature/Firma
Antigua and Barbuda / Antigua y Barbuda	_____	_____
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Jamaica	Nan Williams-Singh 
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Netherlands / Países Bajos <i>for Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius / por Bonaire, Saba y San Eustatius</i>	

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Saint Lucia / Santa Lucía	[Signature]
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