



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION (LACAC) AND
THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN STATES (ACS)**

The Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (hereinafter the "Commission" or "LACAC"), represented by Mr. Eustacio Fábrega, in his capacity as President of the Commission and the Secretariat of the Association of Caribbean States (hereinafter the "Association" or the "ACS"), represented by its Secretary General Dr. Rubén Silié Valdéz, both duly authorised, (hereinafter the "Parties");

CONSIDERING that the ACS, established by the Convention signed on 24 July 1994 in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, as an organisation for consultation, coordination and cooperation, whose aims include the identifying and promoting the implementation of policies and programmes aimed at developing, strengthening and utilising collective capacities in the Caribbean to achieve sustainable development in the Greater Caribbean Region, these aims being focused on the expansion of intra-regional trade, regional functional cooperation, the development of the sustainable tourism industry and the expansion of international transport activities, including civil aviation;

RECOGNIZING that Article IX (h) of the Convention Establishing the ACS, and Agreement No. 10/95 adopted by the Ministerial Council at its First Ordinary Meeting in Guatemala City, Guatemala on 01 December 1995, empowers the General Secretariat to conclude agreements with cooperation and integration organisations, according to the mandate of the Ministerial Council of the ACS;

CONSCIOUS of the fact that the LACAC is the leading regional, consultative inter-governmental organization whose principal objective is to provide to the Members of LACAC and their respective civil aviation authorities, with an appropriate forum for the discussion and planning of all the measures required in relation to co-operation and co-ordination of civil aviation activities in the region;

CONSIDERING Article 7 of the Statute of the LACAC, which establishes that the LACAC may maintain relations of consultative nature, cooperation and coordination with any other International Organization;

AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE I
SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION

1. The ACS and the LACAC shall co-operate in all areas of international civil aviation falling within the competence of LACAC as well as those areas falling under the competence of the ACS, particularly as established in the Air Transport Agreement Among the Members and Associate Members of the ACS done at Panama City, Panama on February 12, 2004, and the mandate of the ACS Special Committee on Transport.
2. Particular emphasis will be placed on the following areas: safety, facilitation, security, environment and air navigation, within their respective mandates including, but not limited to the following:
 - (i) Identification of joint projects;
 - (ii) Identifying financial resources for projects;
 - (iii) Assistance in implementation of international agreements and international standards;
 - (iv) Training of civil aviation personnel;
 - (v) Harmonization of laws and regulations related to international civil aviation; and
 - (vi) Organisation of meetings and other international events.

ARTICLE II
INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION

The ACS and the LACAC hereby agree to exchange information relating to the development of civil aviation within the Greater Caribbean and Latin America. Such an exchange of information shall, however, be without prejudice to matters, which fall entirely within the organizational competence of either Party or which may be classified as confidential by one or both Parties.

**ARTICLE III
METHODS OF CO-OPERATION**

1. The ACS and LACAC Secretariats shall establish and maintain consultations through:
 - (a) The exchange of letters and documents;
 - (b) Mutual visits;
 - (c) Participation in Meetings organized by the other Party; and
 - (d) Bilateral consultations and co-ordination of activities.

2. The Parties agree that High Level Representatives of each side shall attend meetings of the other organization on a reciprocal basis. As far as practicable, consultation and co-ordination meetings shall be organized prior to meetings of either the ACS Special Committee on Transport, the Executive Committee of LACAC and/or major international civil aviation events/meetings at which both participate.

**ARTICLE IV
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

Each Party shall bear its own costs incurred when carrying out the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding. Without prejudice to the foregoing, the Parties may agree on the implementation of projects either those jointly sponsored, or those sponsored only by the ACS Special Committee on Transport.

**ARTICLE V
CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION**

Communications between ACS and LACAC, for all matters relating to this Memorandum of Understanding shall be channeled through their respective Secretariats.

**ARTICLE VI
REVIEW**

The ACS and the LACAC shall meet bi-annually to review the progress of activities jointly undertaken. Such meetings shall be held either on a rotating basis at the ACS Secretariat, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago and the Headquarters of the LACAC, Lima, Peru, or in another mutually agreed location.

**ARTICLE VII
DURATION**

The duration of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be indefinite. Either Party shall, however, have the right to terminate it by giving six months advance written notice to the other Party. In the event of termination by one of the Parties, both Parties agree to take all the steps necessary to ensure that such termination is not detrimental to on-going projects or activities duly agreed and being implemented within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or modified, as the case may be, by mutual consent of the Parties hereto. Each Party shall give due consideration to any proposal put forward by the other Party under this Article. Any amendment or modification shall be made in writing and shall enter into force upon signature.

**ARTICLE IX
ENTRY INTO FORCE**

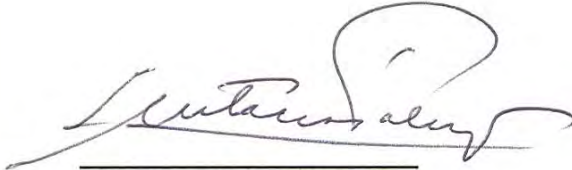
This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force after its signature by the Secretary-General of the ACS and the President of LACAC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Secretary-General of the Association of Caribbean States and the President of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission have duly signed this Memorandum of Understanding drawn up in three original copies in English, French and Spanish each of the three texts being equally authentic.

Done in Panama City, Republic of Panama, on January 24th, 2008.

**For the Latin American Civil
Aviation Commission**

**For the Secretariat of the
Association of Caribbean States**



**Mr. Eustacio Fábrega
President**



**Dr. Rubén Silié Valdéz
Secretary General**