

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

NAT-I-1016

BETWEEN THE

**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND THE

LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) of the Department of Transportation of the United States of America is directed to encourage the development of civil aeronautics and the safety of air commerce;

WHEREAS, the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (“LACAC”), is an international organization made up of Argentina, Aruba, Bolivia, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela (the “Member States”);

WHEREAS, LACAC provides the civil aviation authorities of its Member States with a suitable framework within which to discuss and plan measures for cooperation and coordination of civil aviation activities;

WHEREAS, the FAA and LACAC, collectively referred to hereafter as the “Participants,” and, individually as a “Participant,” have as a common objective strengthening their administrative, operational and technical cooperation in matters of civil aviation safety, environmental protection, and air navigation services;

WHEREAS, the Participants further desire to increase their exchange of information in areas pertinent to the safe, efficient, and environmentally-sustainable development of civil aviation in the Western Hemisphere and beyond;

WHEREAS, cooperation between the FAA and LACAC has the potential to improve civil aviation safety, environmental protection, and the efficiency of air navigation services within and outside the Western Hemisphere:

NOW THEREFORE, the FAA and LACAC intend to cooperate as follows:

**ARTICLE I
OBJECTIVE**

The Participants intend to strengthen their relationship and establish closer cooperation in the fields of aviation safety, environmental protection, and air navigation services. This Memorandum of Understanding (the “Memorandum”), describes the framework within which the FAA and LACAC intend to share best practices and engage in cooperative activities to improve the safety, efficiency and environmental sustainability of civil aviation in the Western Hemisphere.



**ARTICLE II
SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

A. Information-sharing and cooperative activities between the Participants may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

1. Exchanging information and best practices on topics of mutual interest in the fields of aviation safety, environmental protection, and air navigation services.
2. Identifying opportunities for collaboration on joint projects and other activities;
3. Inviting each other to participate in or observe, when appropriate, meetings and other activities of mutual interest.
4. Consulting and coordinating on topics of mutual interest prior to ICAO Assemblies and other major international civil aviation meetings and events.

B. Information-sharing and cooperation in these and other areas may be accomplished by providing technical expertise at meetings, conducting seminars, or other appropriate means. The Participants understand that the negotiation of a binding instrument may be necessary for some cooperative activities.

**ARTICLE III
POINTS OF CONTACT**

The following offices are to be responsible for the coordination and management of any information sharing or cooperative activities under this Memorandum:

1. For the FAA:

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**ARTICLE IV
FUNDING**

A. Each Participant intends to bear the costs of the activities that it performs under this Memorandum.



B. The Participants do not intend to exchange any funds under this Memorandum; however, should an exchange of funds become necessary, the Participants intend to specify, in a separate written communication, the terms and conditions associated with any such exchange of funds.

C. Any activities that may be planned under this Memorandum are subject to the availability of appropriated funds, necessary resources and personnel.

ARTICLE V MODIFICATIONS

The Participants may modify this Memorandum in writing.

ARTICLE VI COMMENCEMENT AND DISCONTINUATION

A. Cooperation under this Memorandum commences on the date of the last signature and is to continue until either Participant discontinues its cooperation.

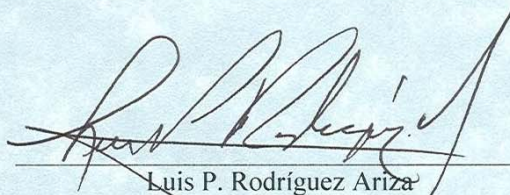
B. Either Participant may discontinue cooperation under this Memorandum at any time, but should endeavor to provide sixty (60) days notice in writing to the other Participant.

ARTICLE VII FULL UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum contains the full understanding of the Participants and does not create or imply any commitment or obligation under international law or the law of any jurisdiction, including with respect to entering into any other instrument related to the subject matter hereof.

Signed, in duplicate, in English and Spanish, in Washington, D.C., on 7 September, 2011.


for _____
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