

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
BETWEEN  
THE LATIN AMERICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION  
AND  
THE AIR TRANSPORT DIRECTORATE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

The Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (hereinafter referred to as LACAC), of the one part, and the European Commission's Air Transport Directorate, of the other part, **REACHED** the following understandings:

**Article I  
OBJECTIVES**

The Parties recognise the importance and major contribution of civil aviation to the socio-economic development of the European Union and Latin America as it facilitates exchanges between both regions.

The Parties share the desire to promote the safe, efficient and sustainable development of civil aviation in Latin America, Europe and the rest of the world. On this basis and taking into account the significant increase of air traffic between Latin America and the European Union, they agree to develop cooperation and consultation.

**Article II  
INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION**

The Parties intend to exchange any information relating to the development of civil aviation in Latin America and Europe in accordance with their respective laws and regulations. Such an exchange of information will not include matters which will be considered as confidential by either Party.

**Article III  
SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION**

LACAC and the European Commission's Air Transport Directorate will co-operate in all areas of international civil aviation, in particular in the areas of safety, security, and environment, within their respective mandates including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Regulations and Legislation.
2. International events and meetings.
3. Training.
4. Identification of joint action.

**Article IV  
METHODS OF CO-OPERATION**

Secretariat:

The LACAC Secretariat and the European Commission's Air Transport Directorate will maintain consultations through:

1. The exchange of letters and documents.
2. Invitations to attend meetings.
3. Consultations and co-ordination, when necessary.

Executive Level:

Consultation and co-ordination meetings will be particularly important prior to ICAO Assemblies and/or major high-level international civil aviation events/meetings.

**Article V  
MUTUAL RECOGNITION IN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENTS**

LACAC will urge its Member States to recognise the existence of the European Union in their bilateral air transport agreements with EU Member States.

The European Commission's Air Transport Directorate will recognise the integration of air transport markets in Latin America in air transport agreements with LACAC Member States.

**Article VI  
EXPENSES**

Each Party will bear its own costs incurred in the implementation of this Memorandum.

**Article VII  
CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION**

Communications will be channelled through the LACAC Secretariat and the Air Transport Directorate of the European Commission.

**Article VIII  
REPRESENTATION**

The Parties intend to meet, as far as possible, at least every three years to review the progress of activities jointly undertaken. Such meetings will be held either at LACAC Headquarters, Lima or at the European Commission headquarters, Brussels on a rotation basis, or in another commonly agreed location.

**Article IX  
DURATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding has been concluded for an indefinite period. 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, necessary steps shall be taken by the Parties to ensure that such termination is not detrimental to on-going projects implemented within the framework of this MOU.

#### **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

This MOU may be amended or modified by mutual consent of the Parties hereto. Each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal put forward by the other Party under this paragraph. Any such amendment or modification shall be made in writing and shall be incorporated in the MOU after having been duly signed by both Parties.

#### **ARTICLE XI ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force after its signature.

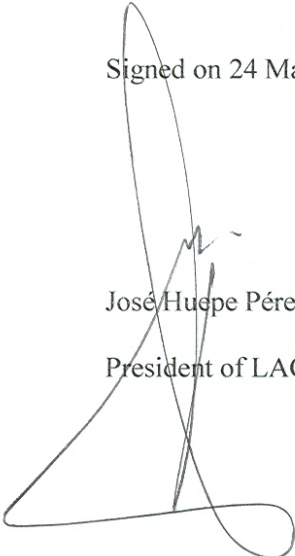
#### **ARTICLE XII LEGAL NATURE**

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any legally binding rights and obligations for the Parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, have duly signed this MOU drawn up in two original copies in English and Spanish, each of the two texts being equally authentic.

Once this MOU has entered into force, the President of LACAC and the Director of Air Transport in the European Commission may take additional measures compatible with its implementation.

Signed on 24 May 2010 in Rio de Janeiro



José Huepe Pérez  
President of LACAC



Daniel Calleja  
Director Air Transport  
European Commission