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## **Candidature of Mexico to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, Part II, 2022-2025**

Mexico has a long history of helping and supporting ICAO's work, in order to ensure the fulfillment of its vision and objectives in the field of operational safety; security; environmental protection; efficiency and continuity of international air navigation; cooperation and assistance. Mexico took part as one of 52 States founders of the Organization at the Chicago Conference. Mexico is also a member of the Council of ICAO, under Part II, since its establishment in 1947, in addition to being the seventeenth contributor to the ICAO budget.

In 1957, by agreement between the Government of Mexico and ICAO, the North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) Regional Office was established in Mexico City, promoting close ties of cooperation and understanding between its members, in order to strengthen the development of civil aviation in the region.

It's important to note the implementation of the Systemic Assistance Program to increase the Level of the Effective Implementation by the States in the Region of the ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). Likewise, Mexico is a founding member of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC), a regional cooperation organization aimed to promote the development, discussion and planning of all the measures required for the coordination of the international civil aviation activities in the region.

Due to its geographical location, Mexico plays a strategic role in air traffic management in the Americas, providing facilities/services for the international air navigation, in order to contribute to the efficient development of air connectivity and the continuity of operations on national, regional and international levels, as well as economic and social development, with a multiplier effect on trade, tourism, investment, industry and job creation.

### **Mexico and its contribution to global air transport**

The pandemic caused by COVID-19 establish one of the most important challenges for the international civil aviation in its history. Despite the closure of borders and the restriction measures on international flights, adopted by several countries around the world, Mexico, following all the requirements recommended by the World Health Organization and by ICAO itself, through the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART), has decided not to close its borders or impose any restrictions.

During 2021, more than 677 thousand flights were operated in regular service, having an increase of 46.4% compared to 2020. The annual growth in international flights was 61.9% while domestic operations increased by 35.1%. Likewise, more than 80 million passengers were carried in regular service, increasing a 66.4%, compared to 2020.



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Also in 2021, the growth of passengers traveling in domestic service was 57.1%, while the international passengers increased 79.6%. Regarding freight transport, more than 798 thousand tons were carried in regular services, a 24.5% more than the previous year; the freight in domestic services increased by 20.8%, while the international one was 25.1%.

Mexico continues to be a strategic and connectivity point in the carried of people and goods around the world, ranking third in the world in welcoming tourists and having signed bilateral agreements with 54 countries, one of them with the European Union on *Certain Aspects of Air Services*. Additionally, between 2019 and 2021, 233 new national and 543 international routes were authorized.

Likewise, Mexico continues to represent a development pole for the aerospace industry, which has seen a significant growth in recent years. During the 2009-2019 period, Mexico's aerospace sector had a steady growth of double-digit rates.

### Safety

Mexico has registered 86.14% of Effective Implementation (EI) of the eight critical elements of the aviation system and it's working hand to hand with the ICAO Regional Office (NACC) in order to increase it, with the firm commitment of adhering to the successful development of the ICAO Global Strategy "*No Country Left Behind*".

Mexico has currently 44 certified international airports, in accordance with the relevant standards and procedures established in the Annex 14, Vol. I and in the Aerodrome Certification Manual. As of 2021, the activities related to search and rescue, as well as the investigation of aviation's accidents and incidents, are carried out by another entity independent of the Aeronautical Authority (AFAC).

### Aviation Security and Facilitation

Mexico published the National Civil Aviation Security Program and it's working on the National Program for Quality Control in Civil Aviation Security and the National Civil Aviation Safety Training Program.

In 2021, the first electronic passports were issued in Mexico, whose purpose is to provide a secure, modern and internationally standardized document, in accordance with ICAO provisions. At the same time, Mexico formalized its membership in the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD), thus complying with the standards issued by the Organization regarding the document's authenticity and the exchange of electronic key information.

### Air Navigation

Mexico is a key supplier of facilities and services for international air navigation, offering an efficient provision of services between North America, Central America and the Caribbean.

PBN procedures for 24 airports have been established and included in the Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) of Mexico, in addition to providing air navigation services on







regional routes implemented in the Gulf of Mexico and in sovereign airspace, which connect the regions of North America, Central America and the Caribbean.

### **Environmental protection**

Mexico has been a key actor at the ICAO, in addressing issues related to the environment and it has supported the work of the Organization in its protection, hosting Seminars, Conferences, Workshops and Regional Meetings.

Also, aware of its environmental commitment and with a spirit of international cooperation, Mexico has participated in multilateral and capacity-building programs such as the *Small-Scale Implementation* of CORSIA and Phase I of the CORSIA *Body Partnerships of ACT-CORSIA*, in which, technical advice was provided to Central American countries.

Mexico maintains its commitment to improve fuel consumption efficiency at an annual average of 2.2% as of 2020, as well as to grow in a neutral manner from that year on, as established in the Action Plan to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions in the Mexican Aviation 2015-2018. In addition, Mexico is collaborating with the ICAO Council to explore the feasibility of more ambitious Long-Term Aspirational Goals (LTAG) and present the results in the framework of the 41st Assembly.

To this end, Mexico has implemented operational measures and it has acquired technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, standing out as the first emerging economy country to voluntarily join CORSIA, since the pilot phase, furthermore, being one of the five Latin American countries that have Verification Bodies accredited for CORSIA. Likewise, as part of the measures to reduce emissions, Mexico has been, for several years, promoting research and development projects for sustainable aviation fuels, which have been used successfully in commercial flights.

### **International cooperation**

Stand out, the excellent results of the signing of the Agreement for the promotion of Aviation Security, which, together with the application of the Implementation of Procedures for the Airworthiness of Aircraft (IPA), the Special Agreement and detailed technical documents, have promoted the program of audits to aeronautical production facilities, in order to support the responsibilities for supervising the state of manufacture of the organizations that produce parts and components, in accordance with the provisions of Annex 8 – Airworthiness of Aircraft.

In the field of training and instruction, Mexico contributes to the development of this activity via the International Center of Airport Training and Auxiliary Services (CIIASA), through training programs designed under the standards and methodology of the ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS and participates as part of the network of Training Centers coordinated by the ICAO Global Aviation Training Office (GAT), as well as with the integration of an offer





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based on strategic alliances with higher education institutions, companies and sector organizations at international level.

### **Mexico heading towards the aviation of the future**

In order to respond to the growth in passenger and cargo demand in Mexico City, the new “Felipe Angeles” Airport, which will begin operations in the first quarter of 2022 and will provide medium and long-term airport services at the metropolitan area of Mexico City, it will have 3 runways, Approach System (ILS) Category III-C, and it will be able to transport 20 million passengers in its initial phase and up to 80 million in its maximum capacity; regarding cargo, it will be able to transport up to 350 thousand tons at its first stage and 700 thousand tons in its maximum capacity.

**The government of Mexico maintains its unshakable will to continue participating actively in the work carried out by the Council of the Organization and to help it in achieving its objectives. For this reason, Mexico will appreciate having the support of the Organization's membership to be elected to the ICAO Council, period 2022-2025, under Part II.**



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