



**EL SALVADOR**



# **Candidacy of El Salvador**

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to the Council of the International Civil  
Aviation Organization (ICAO)

# The Civil Aviation Authority of El Salvador

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“The smallest country in Central America has the honor to be part of the legacy of our pioneers in aviation of these modern times”





## HISTORY

In El Salvador, the experiments in aviation started in 1985, with a priest named Jose Domingo de Lara, he made an airplane made of wood and fabric. He made his first flight from a church building located in the city of San Jacinto, San Salvador, making a successful landing near to a park. Later, he modified the airplane which was able to fly approximately 1,600 meters.



Church of the **San Jacinto** neighborhood



First plane flown in **El Salvador**



**And this is how Salvadorian aviation was born.** In 1929, the “Flotilla Aerea Salvadoreña” was created, now the Salvadorian Airforce. Afterwards, commercial aviation started with air mail, pilots’ school, and the Airport of Ilopango was constructed and was the first International Airport of El Salvador.



First Air Flotilla of El Salvador in 1929



Construction of the Ilopango International Airport in 1964



In beginnings of January **1980** the current **International Airport of El Salvador** was set up



El Salvador International Airport, **San Óscar Arnulfo Romero and Galdámez**



## Ilopango International Airport



In October 1987, Ilopango Airport was open for international operations such as private aviation, air taxis, air ambulance, official flights, civil and military assistance.



In October **2001** the legislative assembly approved the autonomy of civil aviation and officially became known as the **Civil Aviation Authority of El Salvador.**





# OUR HISTORY WITH ICAO

**1944**

El Salvador as member of the interim Council in the first meeting of **PICAO**

**1947**

ICAO ratifies El Salvador as State member

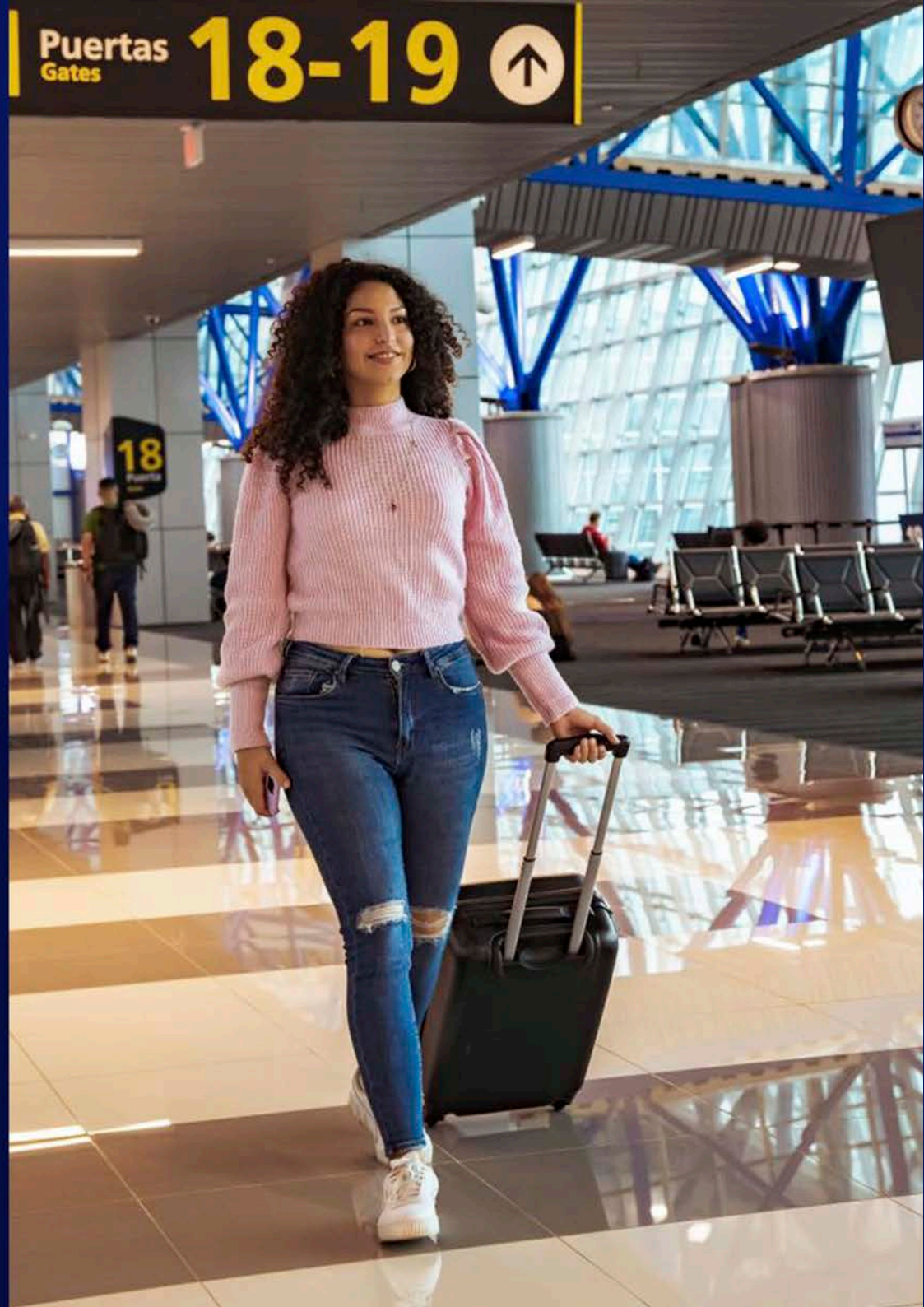
**2016**

The President of ICAO awards El Salvador for significant achievements in operational security



Puertas  
Gates

**18-19**





# Our Involvement In Latinamerica

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## EL SALVADOR IN THE REGION

El Salvador has supported aviation as a member of the Corporación Centroamericana de Servicios de Navegación Aérea (COCESNA) along with Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.







The civil aviation in State members and trained staff of **COCESNA**, is fundamental to guarantee the operational security in the region and contributes with the economy. Whereby in 1976, COCESNA was the first organization to receive an Edward Warner Award for its outstanding efforts in the safety of international flights in the Central America region.

In addition, the **Instituto Centroamericano de Capacitación Aeronáutica (ICCAE)** with headquarters in El Salvador, is established as the aeronautical training center with the greatest presence at the regional level and with great projection at the international level.

## Capacity and Efficiency of Air Navigation

El Salvador with the support of COCESNA, has upgraded the air navigation system in the International Airport of El Salvador "Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero & Galdamez" with the installation of the Control Radar Center with new equipment.



Furthermore, the International Airport of Ilopango has a VOR Doppler (VHF Omnidirectional Radio Range) to help with the exact location of the aircraft with the runway, plus a Precision Approach System ILS/DME.





In commitment to the environment, El Salvador as a member of **COCESNA** through **CENAMER** has develop a tool that processes the initial route by the aircraft operator and compares it with the true route that the aircraft flew.

According to the analysis of records since August 2016, a calculation of savings in **CO2** emissions has been obtained. With this tool and the aim of reducing the carbon footprint in the upper airspace of Central America, **CENAMER** provides more direct flight routes to shorten the distance.



## RESCUE AND FIREFIGHTING CAMP

El Salvador has one of the most complete fields in Latin America, complying with the standards of the National Fire Protection Association **(NFPA)** and **ICAO**.

This center is prepared with training of rescue and firefighting personnel at airports, aviation mechanics, cabin crew and any other training that requires it.





Also, El Salvador is member of **Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC)**, who promote the integration, cooperation, and coordination between the Latin American States in matters of air transport, air policy, airport management, capacity building, environment, facilitation, and aviation safety and security.

### Air transport integration in **Latin America**



# Our Support And Commitment

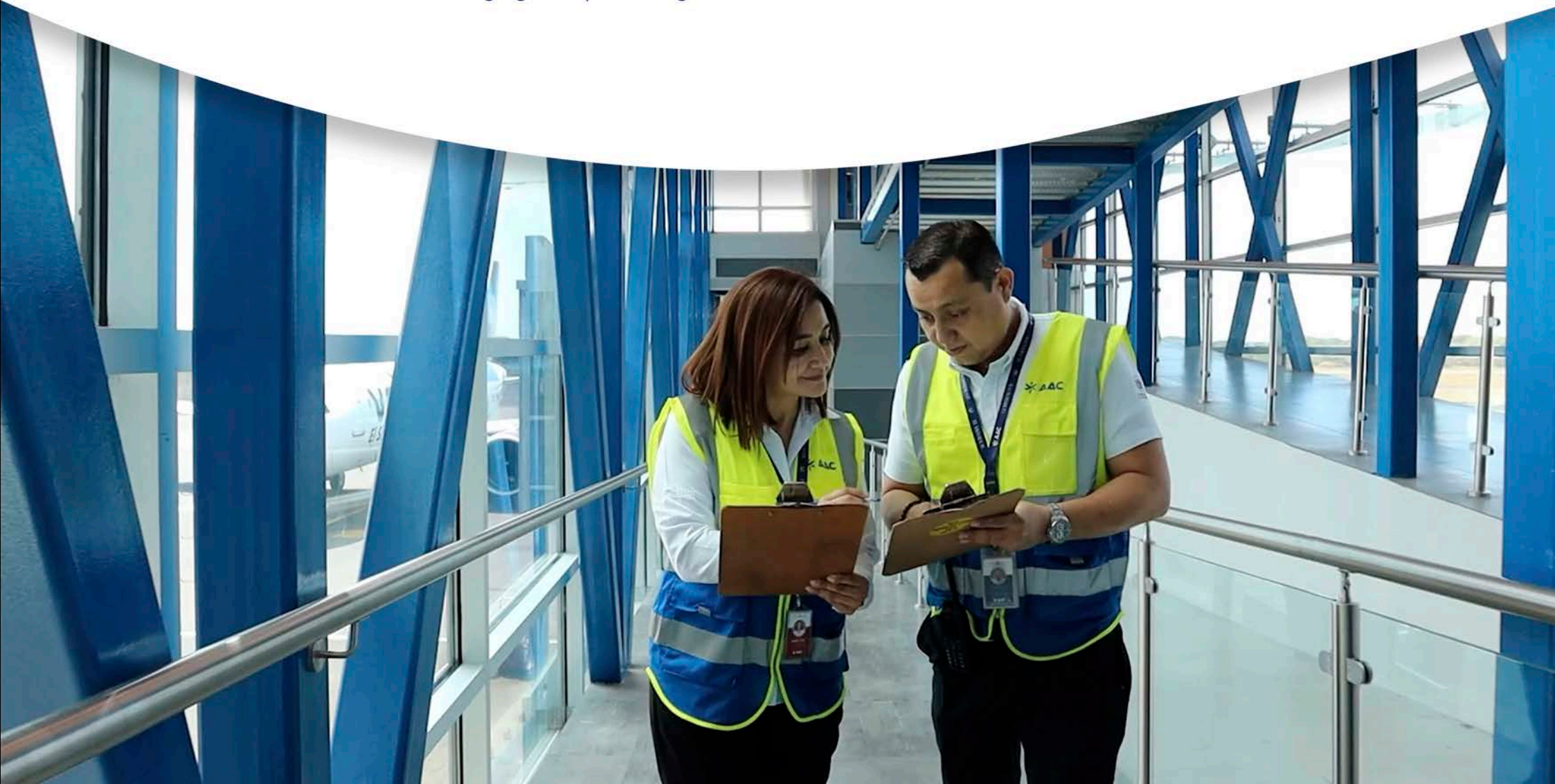
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## OPERATIONAL SECURITY

El Salvador grew an **88.34%** rate of effective implementation of the Standards and Recommended Practices **SARPS by ICAO**, and in this way the operational safety and efficiency in aviation is guarantee, placing ourselves above the established average global percentage.





## AVIATION SECURITY AND FACILITACION, AVSEC – FAL

To guarantee the implementation of the Standards and Recommended Practices SARPs, established in **2002 by ICAO**, the **Universal Aviation Security Audit Program USAP-CMA**, El Salvador has been working in coordination with all those involved in implementing enhancing and correction actions, responding to that commitment. So, in June 9, 2022 our country's airport became a Safe Airport, according to the Standards and Recommended Practices SARPS/USAP-CMA.



El Salvador International Airport with **Safe Airport category by ICAO**



## COVID-19

As a State, aviation has been supported, during the recovery from the **covid-19** pandemic, operating normally and without any restrictions on passengers and commercial air transport.

We join the phases of economic reactivation of our country with several air operators during **covid-19 pandemic**.



Economic reactivation **with airlines**



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AIR TRANSPORT

It is estimated that **4%** of GDP is supported by the air transport sector and by foreign tourists who arrive in the country, facilitating exports, direct investment and tourism that connects people around the world.

Consequently, around **42,100** aircraft carry out operations in the International Airport of El Salvador each year, that means **4.4 million of passengers**.

El Salvador is a pivotal country in the region to connect with the whole world, achieving strategic alliances that help the region.





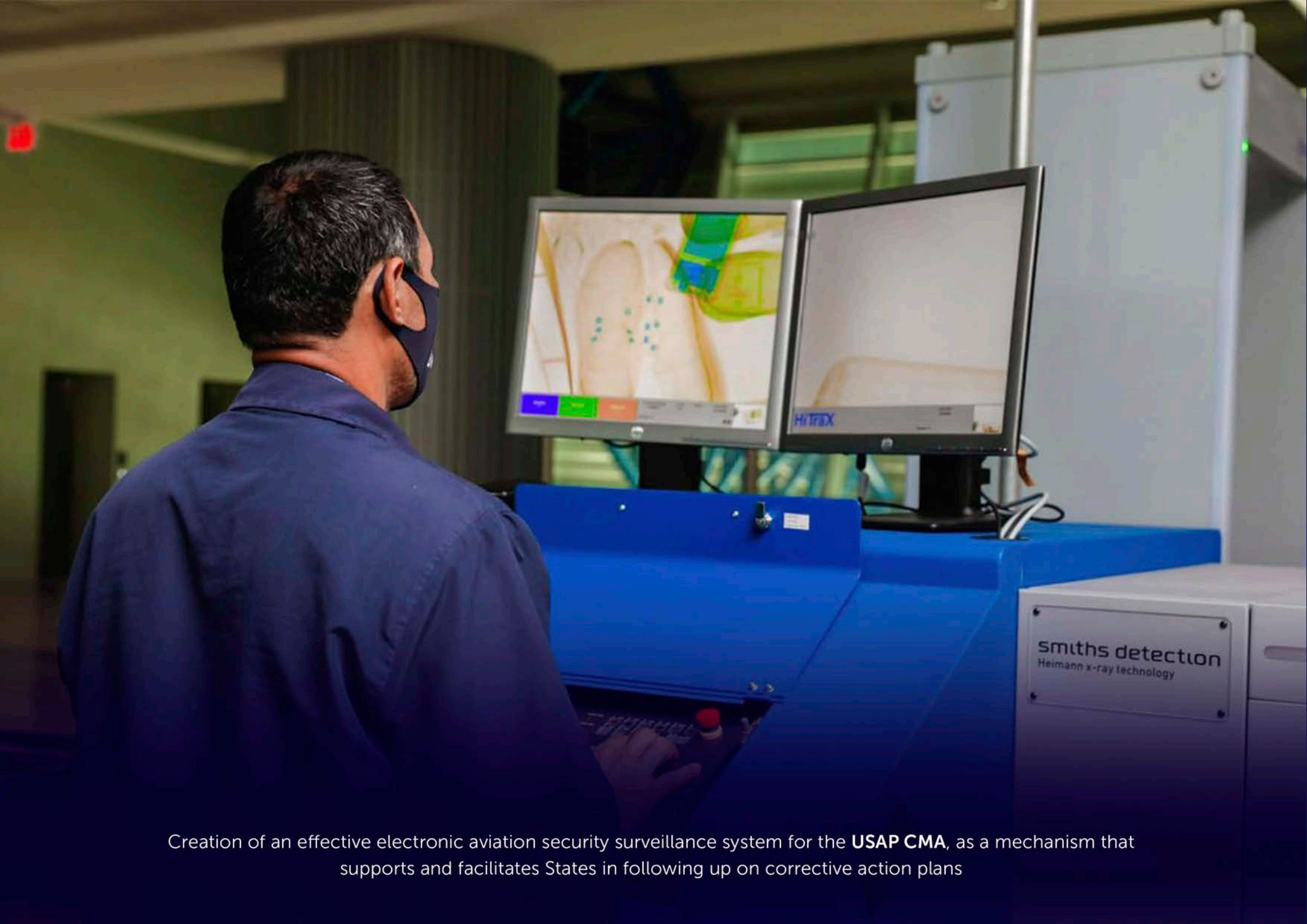
## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

El Salvador expressed its intention to support **CORSIA**, through voluntary participation, which will complement the other measures to reduce emissions in which the governments and the air transport sector are advancing through **ICAO**.

These measures are currently focused on accelerated technological innovation, streamlining operations to reduce fuel consumption, as well as developing and bringing to market sustainable alternative aviation fuels.





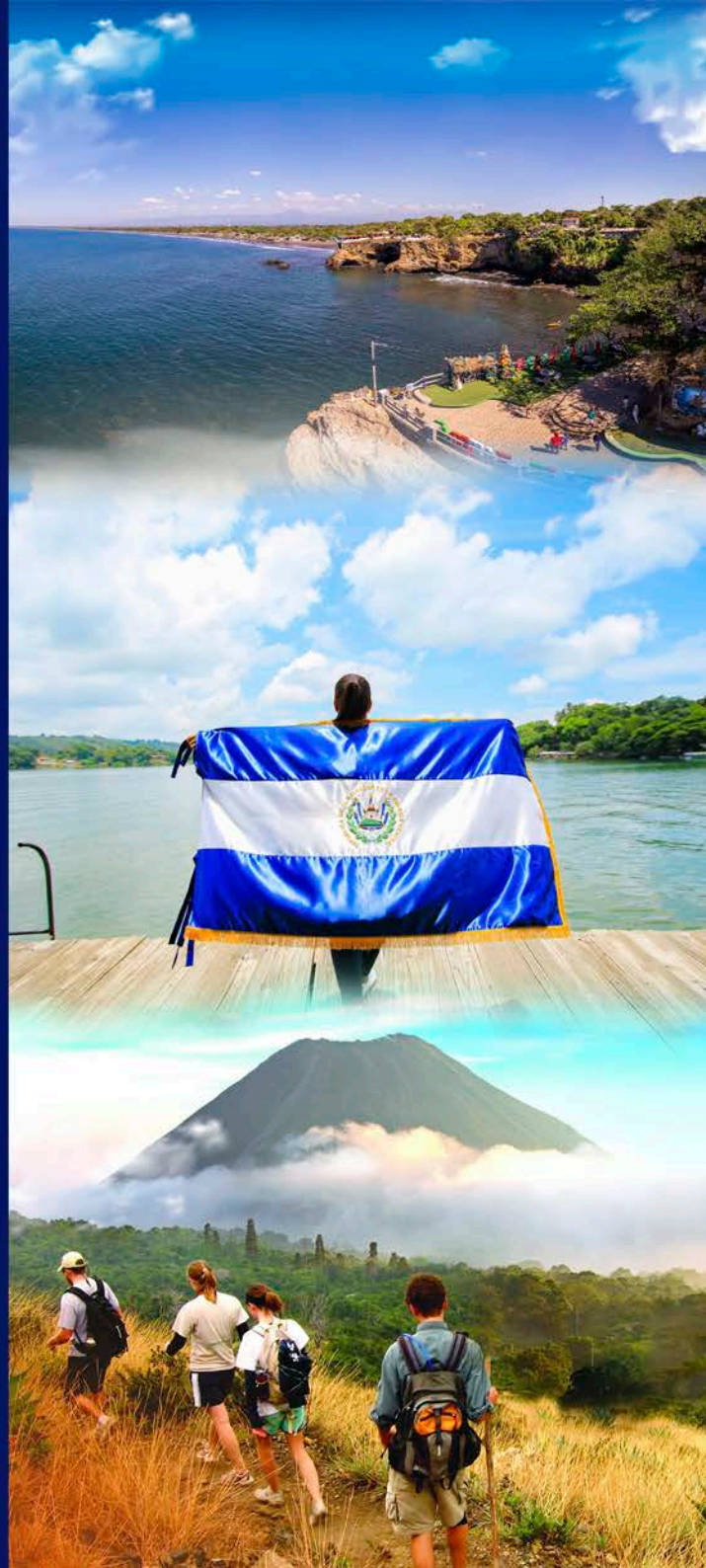


Creation of an effective electronic aviation security surveillance system for the **USAP CMA**, as a mechanism that supports and facilitates States in following up on corrective action plans



## Message

At a time when countries face substantial challenges in ensuring the safety of civil air operations in the regions, it is important to join efforts to support and facilitate the recovery of international air transport. In compliance with the Standards and Recommended Practices SARPS by ICAO, so that no country is left behind, generating essential changes worldwide amid a pandemic crisis that has caused significant socioeconomic impacts in all countries of the world.



## Commitment

El Salvador is committed to seek measures and mechanisms that guarantee the safety of operations, capacity and efficiency of air navigation, protection of the environment and AVSEC-FAL, through active participation and study notes that are submitted to the Council for consideration, taking into account the opinion of the different countries, through dialogue and negotiation, respecting the diverse cultures of each member State in the search for solutions.





**Surf City**  
**El Salvador**  
*Home of the THAI surf*

With a safe destination stamp  
to travel according to the  
World Travel & Tourism  
Council (WTTC).



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## Aviation in Constant Development

The main objective of **El Salvador** is to seek measures that support the States in meeting the objectives of operational safety, capacity and efficiency of air navigation, protection of the environment, **AVSEC-FAL**, so that no country is left behind.



# READY TO TAKE ON NEW CHALLENGES

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