

LIMA DECLARATION

Commitments for the development of Civil Aviation in Latin America and the Caribbean, towards the next decade. (December 14th, 2023)

The ministers and aeronautical authorities of the LACAC member States,

Reaffirming the desire expressed in the preamble of the Chicago Convention that promotes the development of international civil aviation as a factor that contributes powerfully to creating and preserving friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world;

Reaffirming that civil aviation is a driver for the economic and social development of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean;

Highlighting the important milestone that represents the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission - LACAC; period in which it has been consolidated as a necessary space for coordination and cooperation between the aeronautical authorities of the region;

Pointing out the need to improve infrastructure and the use of technology in the air sector, along with the urgency of increasing connectivity between the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, to facilitate the transportation of people and goods;

Emphasizing the important role of women in the aviation sector and the need to increase their active participation in technical and leadership positions in our region;

Underlining the commitment to develop commercial aviation in harmony with respect for the environment, especially following the objectives of the 2016 Paris Agreement;

Underlining the commitment to develop commercial aviation in harmony with respect for the environment, especially following the objectives of the Paris Agreement of 2015, and in particular, the Long-Term Aspirational Goal (LTAG) of Net Zero Carbon Emissions from International Aviation by 2050, agreed within ICAO;

Remembering that two fundamental pillars for the development of the aviation sector are aviation safety and security;

Recognizing the coordination relationship that LACAC has developed with ICAO and with other international organizations and entities, both public and private, for the development of effective and harmonious public policies;

Adopt the following declaration:

Development of air transport in the region by 2033.

1. We commit to adopting effective measures to achieve the aspirational goal of increasing air passenger traffic in the LACAC region by more than 50% over the next decade, for the benefit of the users of this means of transportation, tourism and, in general, of the progress of States and their people.
2. We will promote the growth of cargo transportation by air, through the development of infrastructure, the use of more efficient procedures, new technologies, optimization of logistics processes and essential facilities to increase trade in goods in our region and with the rest of the world.
3. We decide to continue supporting the long-term vision of ICAO, which includes advancing continuously and gradually in the liberalization of air transport, within a framework of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, and with full respect and development of passenger rights.

Accessibility of air transport for a majority of people in the region.

4. We also commit to creating the conditions so that air transport is economically accessible to a majority of people, by promoting a regulatory environment that fosters a competitive pricing environment at a regional and global level.
5. We will promote policies, standards, and measures of universal inclusivity that ensure access for people with disabilities or reduced mobility to air transport, hence promoting investments that contribute to materializing this principle.

Promotion of a sustainable aviation committed to the environment.

6. We will adopt concrete actions to achieve sustainable civil aviation committed to the preservation of the environment, to this end we will collaborate especially in the development and promotion of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), and in the necessary energy reconversion that is expected in the coming years, also supporting the creation of new synthetic fuels, with a lower carbon footprint than SAF.
7. We will continue to promote operational and infrastructure improvements to reduce the use of aviation fuel and, in this way, reduce the carbon footprint of operations, considering that these measures can be applied currently and do not require new investments.
8. In line with our aspirational goals, we will promote, from the aviation sector, the development of projects that preserve and improve the quality of ecosystems in our region, that provide certifications related to their contribution to carbon footprint reduction, and that can be used to achieve the decarbonization goals of civil aviation.

Promote an environment of resilience to face potential crises.

9. We will foster an environment of resilience, in order to quickly face and overcome future crises that affect the sector, ensuring that the aeronautical authority will have a prominent role in the adoption of exceptional measures that could be potentially adopted.

Maintaining or increasing levels of aviation safety and security.

10. We confirm the importance of maintaining and even increasing the levels of aviation safety and security, in order to guarantee users the due confidence in the use of air transport.
11. We reaffirm the need to promote and demand respect for the principles that govern international civil aviation, especially that of equal and non-discriminatory treatment, to the extent that non-observance may affect the technical and operational capabilities of States to maintain acceptable levels of safety.

Application of technologies at the service of air transport facilitation.

12. We facilitate air transport by maximizing the technological tools available and early adopting new technologies that help simplify procedures and are resistant to potential cybersecurity-related attacks.

Coordination between the aeronautical authorities, ICAO, and other international organizations, to achieve uniformity and harmonization of aviation standards.

13. We reaffirm that we will work with ICAO and with other organizations and international entities, both public and private, to seek harmonization and uniformity in the rules that regulate international civil aviation.

Promotion of the participation of women in aeronautical activities.

14. We will promote the equal and equitable participation of women within the various levels that make up aeronautical activity, generating inclusive and transversal policies, eliminating obstacles for their insertion in the labor market and to promote a culture of respect and non-discrimination.

Constant training of the aeronautical community.

15. We will develop the professional growth of aeronautical and administrative personnel of civil aviation through constant training programs, ensuring high standards and access to all the countries that make up the Commission.

Unity of action for the representation of the Region in international affairs.

16. We express our intention to continue acting in coordination and with unity of purpose and action in all organizations, meetings, and other international civil aviation affairs in which the Region may be represented, including those to which nationals of the member States can access individually, using LACAC as the appropriate forum for this.

Adopted at the LACAC Assembly held in Lima, Peru on December 14, 2023.