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## Workshop on Air Integration

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### NOTES OF THE MEETING

On September 25, 2012, the city of Lima, Peru, hosted the Workshop on Air Integration, which was attended by the delegations of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela, as well as by representatives from the General Secretariat of UNASUR and from IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee. The meeting agenda and the list of participants are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

The aim of this Workshop was to identify aspects that contribute to making progress in the process of air integration among the UNASUR Member States as well as to update knowledge about innovations in the airline sector.

According to schedule, in the morning session, experts in civil aviation delivered presentations on the following topics: i) Challenges Faced by the South American Region on Account of the Growth of Aviation; ii) Air Transport and the Environment; iii) Current Status of the Airline Sector in the Region; iv) Harmonization of Standards and Procedures in the Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System; and v) Planning and Financing. These presentations are attached as Annexes 3 to 7.

In the afternoon session, work groups met to prepare the conclusions and recommendations on the topics addressed during the morning session.

#### *Group 1: Harmonization of Standards and Procedures – Operational Safety*

1. The meeting on harmonization of standards and procedures is academic in nature.
2. Air transport significantly contributes to the integration of the UNASUR Member States, and the harmonization of the aeronautical regulations, as established in the LAR,<sup>1</sup> largely facilitates such process.
3. The UNASUR Member States will analyze the possibility of monitoring each country's process of harmonization of its standards and procedures with those of the LAR on the basis of the information submitted by the countries and by ICAO.

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<sup>1</sup> Latin American Aeronautical Regulations

4. The information about the status of the harmonization process of standards and procedures submitted by each of the UNASUR Member States could be analyzed by experts in the field with the purpose of establishing mechanisms of cooperation among these countries in order to complete the harmonization processes.

*Group 2: Planning and Financing – Air Transport and the Environment*

1. Air transport: The Governments could take the necessary steps to open their air markets, removing all barriers and obstacles and facilitating connection among the UNASUR Member States. To this end, they should:
  - Develop convergence and harmonization plans
  - Use new technologies applicable to air transport in general
  - Carry out an assessment of the obstacles to the free movement of people and goods by air in South America
2. Environment: All the public and private bodies concerned with air transportation should make all possible efforts to mitigate the negative impact of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from air transport.

*Group 3: Current Status of the Airline Sector – Challenges in the South American Region*

1. The challenges posed by air transport to the South American countries are certainly great; this calls for considering the design of common policies to help achieve real regional air transport integration, taking the interests of all the countries into account.
2. It is necessary to democratize air transport through the design of policies aimed at providing flight services to the populations currently lacking access to this mode of transport.
3. It is necessary to create an Executive Technical Group on Air Integration within the framework of IIRSA in order to discuss and agree upon policies, mainstream the processes intended to promote air integration, exchange experiences in and knowledge of public management in the field of this mode of transport, serve as a forum to add flexibility to bilateral and multilateral conventions, etc.

## **List of Annexes**

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Annex 3: Presentation on Challenges Faced by the South American Region on Account of the Growth of Aviation, Ramón Gamarra Trujillo

Annex 4: Presentation on Air Transport and the Environment, Ángel Villa Hernando

Annex 5: Presentation on Current Status of the Airline Sector in the Region, Marco Ospina Yépez

Annex 6: Presentation on Harmonization of Standards and Procedures in the Regional Safety Oversight Cooperation System, Oscar Quesada Carboni

Annex 7: Presentation on Planning and Financing, Manuel Sauca Fernández