



Agenda Item 6: Bogota Declaration

b) Approval of the Bogota Declaration

SAFETY – Support to the implementation

Bogota Declaration

(Paper presented by ACI-LAC)

SUMMARY

ACI-LAC has the institutional commitment to heighten the air transport safety levels in the Region, particularly among airport operators. To achieve these objectives, ACI-LAC promotes several activities, such as: the ACI-APEX Programme, the runway safety team, support to operators in the aerodromes certification process. The joint work among the industry actors, which includes States and airport operators, is fundamental for the strategic planning of air navigation and safety topics.

ICAO strategic objective:	<i>A – Safety</i>
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1. Background

1.1 Among its strategic objectives, the Airports Council International – Latin America and the Caribbean (ACI-LAC) is to maximize the contributions from airports for the maintenance and development of a responsible, sustainable, safe and viable aviation industry, as well as promote the cooperation of all aviation industry actors and interested parties, including States, regional and international organizations.

1.2 During the 2011 ACI-LAC Annual Assembly, the commitment to promote the certification of aerodromes through the support of airport operators and their aeronautical authorities was established upon, as well as promote the creation, development and evolution of the Safety Management Systems among the airport operators of the Region, work together in the collection of information and in the promotion of a safety-oriented culture, among other commitments aimed at strengthening and improving safety in the Region.

1.3 The Thirteenth Meeting of the Civil Aviation Authorities of the SAM Region (RAAC/13) has validated the recommendations formulated by the Meeting of Air Navigation and Flight Safety Directors of the SAM Region, same which include activities and goals in areas of particular interest to the airport operators, such as: safety oversight, accidents and serious incidents, runway excursions and incursions, certification of aerodromes, implementation of safety management systems, reduction in CO₂ emissions.

2. **Discussion**

2.1 ACI-LAC has developed organizational initiatives such as the ACI APEX (Airport Excellence) safety programme, a multi-stage programme designed to assist the airports in improving safety through a combination of structured visits conducted at the aerodromes, receiving training, sponsorships from regional conferences on safety topics and documentation, as well as having available all best practices. APEX is carried out in close coordination with the ACI regional office and with ICAO.

2.2 ACI-LAC has participated with the ICAO South American (SAM) Regional Office in promoting the runway safety team (RST) as a risk management tool.

2.3 ACI-LAC is aware of the joint need to reinforce the activities enabling the implementation of the aerodrome safety management programmes, not only for the benefit this tool generates, but also in compliance of the requirements necessary to complete the certification of aerodromes.

2.4 Taking the afore indicated actions in consideration and the importance given by the ICAO South American Office to air navigation and safety global and regional planning, ACI-LAC recognizes the positive goals established in the Bogota Declaration, as they will contribute in strengthening the air transport system in a safety, efficient, effective and sustainable manner.

3. **Action suggested**

3.1 The importance of the aerodromes safety system should be recognized by the several aviation actors with responsibility, therefore, the Meeting is invited to:

- a) Take note of the information presented in this working paper; and
- b) Permit us to indicate our satisfaction for the signature of the Bogota Declaration.

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