

**Joint Declaration**  
**at the occasion**  
**of the first EU-Latin America Civil Aviation Summit**  
**Rio de Janeiro, 25-26 May 2010**

1. The first EU-Latin America Aviation Summit was held on 25-26 May 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, jointly organised by the European Commission, the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC) and the National Civil Aviation Agency of Brazil (ANAC). It brought together more than 300 leading representatives of the Latin American and the European Union aviation sectors representing public authorities, airlines, airports, aerospace industries and service providers.
2. The Aviation Summit has demonstrated the growing importance of the civil aviation relations between the EU and Latin America. EU-Latin America air traffic has increased significantly in recent years. The EU-Latin America air transport market is therefore of increasing strategic importance to industry and authorities on both sides.
3. The Aviation Summit addressed a wide range of areas of mutual interest for both regions, including notably:
  - Regional integration and market liberalisation
  - Aviation safety and security policies and the scope for regulatory co-operation
  - Airport infrastructure needs and airport policy issues
  - Air traffic management and in this respect the potential for co-operation between the EU and Latin America
  - Environmental and social aspects of air transport
4. The Aviation Summit was highly successful in bringing together all key stakeholders and in identifying priority areas and ways forward in closer co-operation between the EU and Latin America in civil aviation in the future.
5. The Aviation Summit demonstrated the benefits of regional integration of air transport markets in the case of the EU. LACAC is aiming at a closer integration of air transport markets in Latin America.
6. We, the undersigned, welcome the high number of air services agreements between states of the two regions that have removed traditional nationality clauses, recognising both the common air transport market in the EU and the ongoing regional integration process within LACAC.
7. We are looking forward to the upcoming signature of "horizontal" agreements between the EU and several LACAC Member States on certain aspects of air services as well as to the first-ever aviation safety agreement between the EU and a LACAC Member State. These agreements between the EU and individual LACAC Member States demonstrate the importance of civil aviation relations between the EU and Latin America.

8. We welcome the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the services of the European Commission and LACAC on cooperation in the field of civil aviation. The Aviation Summit identified possible joint action to be considered in the future, including in the area of training. In order to implement that MOU, both sides undertook to develop a joint action plan for the cooperation foreseen.
9. The Aviation Summit has demonstrated the potential benefits of closer cooperation in the field of air traffic management. Both sides are looking forward to joint action in that field.

Done at Rio de Janeiro, 25 May 2010



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