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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Study on the possibilities of the demand for air transport among ACS member countries

During the 20th Meeting of the Transport Committee of the Association of Caribbean States, convened in Port of Spain on June 30 and July 1, 2011, the Colombian delegation was asked to prepare the project profile for the drafting of a study to analyse the commercial air policies of Member States, which would include reviewing the statistics available on air traffic, in order to size and characterise the market and to also evaluate the current status of airport and air navigation infrastructure, so as to determine whether or not it responds to the needs of the potential and future demand. The study must provide elements of opinion in order to formulate policy recommendations that would translate into incentives for air transport in the region.

In view of this task, the following general plan has been prepared, the basis for designing several terms of reference for the study proposed.

1. Size of the air transport market in the ACS region: Analysis by country
 - * Macroeconomic indicators that affect air transport (GDP, Population and its geographic distribution, per-capita income, exchange rate, imports and exports, among the main indicators).
 - * Historical evolution of air traffic (passengers, cargo, air operations), density and relative size of the market, in total and by airports. Trends and projections.
2. General description of the infrastructure required by air transport
 - * Air navigation facilities and services
 - * Airport facilities and their main components (runway, platform, terminals)
 - * Does the infrastructure limit the demand?
3. Institutional aspects of air transport
 - * General air transport policies (market access, tariffs, bilateral agreements, partnerships, etc).
 - * Legal framework and aeronautical regulations framework
 - * Distribution of civil aviation and air transport duties and responsibilities. (Organisations and authorities)

4. Policy recommendations to encourage air transport

Under this methodology, the study would be applied in each member state or associate member, and depending on the resources, it can be divided into phases so as to make it more accessible from the cost perspective. An initial phase would consist of a preliminary assessment prepared with information centralised at the Secretariat, upon the designing of the information gathering formats by the consultant. A second phase can involve visits to those States with the highest potential for a more detailed analysis, in order to encourage intra-ACS air connectivity in particular.