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HISTORY

ACAC was established in June 1996 as a regional organization for coordination and cooperation among Arab countries and with other parts of the world in the field of civil aviation. The Treaty establishing the Commission has been signed by Arab countries and has till now been ratified by the legislative and executive bodies of 18 Arab countries. More countries are in the process of ratifying the Treaty.

OBJECTIVES

- To enhance cooperation and coordination among Arab countries in the field of civil aviation.
- To set a general plan for developing civil aviation in Arab countries and ensuring its safety.
- To develop Arab civil aviation in order to meet the needs of Arab countries for a safe, secure and regular air transport.

MEMBERSHIP

Algeria	Oman
Bahrain	Palestine
Egypt	Qatar
Iraq	Saudi Arabia
Jordan	Sudan
Lebanon	Syria
Lybia	Tunisia
Mauritania	United Arab Emirates
Morocco	Yemen

STRUCTURE/COMMITTEE

The structure of ACAC includes a General Assembly, an Executive Council, a Directorate General, permanent experts, and four technical committees composed of additional experts representing the member-states: the Air Transport Committee, the Air Navigation Committee, the on safety Committee and the aviation Security Committee in addition to the technical committees, ACAC the Financial Control Committee.

Executive Council : Biannual

General Assembly : Biennial

ACTIVITIES

- To coordinate and unify the views of ACAC member-states in the field of civil aviation.
- To promote understanding on policy matters among ACAC member-states and with other parts of the world.
- To encourage and support integration among Arab air carriers.
- To encourage and support the sector of aviation worldwide and to enhance its use by ACAC member-states.
- To encourage the use of standard rules, specifications and methods of work recommended by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).
- To support arrangements among member-states for the implementation of the regional plans recommended by ICAO with regard to the use of CNS/ATM.

- To develop relations of cooperation with the international and regional organizations that deal with civil aviation.
- To monitor technological changes in the aviation industry and to evaluate the necessary actions to be taken by ACAC members to meet the challenge.
- To undertake research and studies in economic, legal, technical and safety matters related to the work of the member-states in the area of civil aviation.
- To encourage coordination and harmonization of procedures, rules and regulations of civil aviation among member-countries.
- To facilitate the exchange of information on safety matters and to enhance the awareness of air safety among members-states.
- To coordinate training programmes and to encourage development of training centers in order to meet present and future needs of people working in civil aviation.
- To study and evaluate, on request of one or more member-states, any situation that might hinder the development of air transport, air navigation or air safety in the Arab countries.

RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ACAC is the major partner of the Arab Air Carriers Organization (AACO) which represents Arab airlines. ACAC and AACO coordinate and collaborate closely in planning and implementing the major policies of regional Arab civil aviation. On the other hand, ACAC coordinates with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) concerning international civil aviation in the Arab world, as well as with all other regional civil aviation organizations. In fact, ACAC has signed Memoranda of Understanding with ICAO (1999); the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC, 2000); the Latin-American Civil Aviation Commission (LACAC, 2000); and the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC, 1999).

Relations of cooperation are also maintained with the following organizations and institutions:

- The International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- Airports Council International (ACI)
- The International Air Carriers Association (IACA)
- The Association of European Airlines (AEA)
- The European Regional Airlines Association
- The African Airlines Association (AFRAA)
- Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA)
- Boeing Commercial Airplanes Group
- Airbus Industrie
- Eurocontrol
- International Aviation Development Corporation (IADC)
- The European Commission..

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Air Safety :

- Trained international experts from Arab countries for evaluating levels of air safety in the Arab countries.
- Prepared a list of Arab experts in the area of airplane accident investigation.
- Prepared a program for unifying air safety systems in the Arab countries.
- Adopted a manual for the measurers of airplane accident investigation, as well as a work plan for the investigations.
- Enacted a decision by ACAC General Assembly and the Arab Ministers of Transports for Mutual recognition of personnel licensing in civil aviation.
- Studied the project of setting up an Arab bureau of investigation in airplane accidents.
- Workshops in airport safety and in environment.

Air Navigation :

- Studied the project of launching a satellites for air navigation in the Arab countries.
- Organized an international Seminar on Civil–military coordination in implementing CNS/ATM.
- Formed a group of specialists for planning measures of air navigation in the Arab countries.
- Set up a program of Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM)
- organizing a seminar on coordination and improvement of air navigation services
- organising workshops in AFTMU and GNSS

Air Transport :

- Liberalization of air transport among Arab countries within the context of setting up the Great Arab free trade zone.
- Set up an Arab code for automatic Reservation.
- Prepared an exemplary article on Code Sharing to be used by Arab countries.
- Prepared a unified position of the Arab Countries concerning modernization of the Warsaw Treaty on civil aviation.
- Prepared the Arab conception concerning the impact of the General Agreement on the trade of services.

Air Transport Security :

- Memorandum of understanding between ICAO and AACO concerning regional common work plan in Air Transport security.
- Arab guideline of Security Legislation.
- Security guideline for Arab Air Transport companies.
- Directory of arab experts in aviation security.
- Arab aviation security strategy
- Participing in Organization of the International Meeting in air Transport security Abu Dahbi 2006 and Jeddaa 2007
- Organising Airport security seminar
- Organizing trainng sessions ins regulation on aviation security, crisis management and security control of air cargo.

Resources of ACAC :

- The Commission shall have an independent budget. Its projects are adopted by the General Assembly and approved by the Socio-Economic Council.
- The resources include annual contribution of the commission member states

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