

communications systems with price tags varying anywhere from \$100,000 U.S. to \$12 million U.S. Funds come mainly from trust funds established by the governments themselves, with some funds provided by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and other funding organizations.

Another wing of ICAO's operation is its **Civil Aviation Purchasing Service (CAPS)**. The rapid sophistication and mind-boggling array of aviation-related equipment available worldwide make it sometimes difficult for governments to know precisely what piece of equipment might be needed to fill the job, or even what would be a fair price.

In this regard, CAPS staff can offer advice or deal with the thousands of suppliers offering a whole range of equipment, from aircraft to typewriters, needed to get the airline off the ground.

One reason why ICAO's technical cooperation program is so popular in the North and the South is because it benefits both. Airport security in Barbados, for example, is of interest not only to the quarter million inhabitants of that Caribbean island, but also to the thousands of tourists who visit each year.

In other parts of the world, current projects include the following.

INDONESIA

This type certification of aircraft program began in 1988. It is aimed at strengthening the **Directorate General of Air Communications (DGAC)** by developing the capabilities of DGAC airworthiness engineers to certify that Indonesian-built aircraft and other aeronautical

products comply with the National Civil Aviation Safety Regulations and International Airworthiness Design Standards.

Consummation of a Bilateral Airworthiness Agreement with the United States was effected, and the DGAC participated in the European Joint Aviation Authority's CN-235-110 and N-250 aircraft certification program.

MYANMAR

Commenced in 1993, this project aims to assist the **Department of Civil Aviation** in the procurement of electrical and electronics equipment and their spare parts for airports, contributing to improvement in the air navigation services in the country.

Since the beginning of the project, ICAO assisted in the procurement of major systems such as Runway Approach Lighting System, secondary surveillance radar, navigational aids (Direction Finder, Non-Directional Beacon, VOR/DME) and radio communications systems.

THE PHILIPPINES

This **Trust Fund** project, which started in January 1996, has as its objective to assist the Government in the upgrading of its Flight Safety Oversight function, through harmonizing and updating of its air law and regulations.

Also through introducing modern methods and management systems, as well as formal and on-the-job training of its personnel, particularly on the conduct of in-flight inspection, airworthiness surveys and record keeping.

LEBANON

The project "**Civil Aviation Basic Technical Training**" will

provide basic training courses to approximately 200 nationals who are to be recruited and trained over a three-year period in the major disciplines of air traffic control, communications, meteorology and equipment maintenance. The total project cost is U.S. \$2.14 million.

ARMENIA

Pursuant to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development's loan to the **Yerevan Zvartnotz Airport**, a contract has been concluded with UNDP for monitoring the exclusively civilian use of the Cargo Terminal. According to this contract, UNDP, through ICAO, will provide necessary experts to perform monitoring services in the first two phases of the project implementation process.

AZERBAIJAN

This "Civil Aviation Development" project will provide technical advisory and procurement services to the Civil Aviation Administration in order to improve efficiency and quality of passenger and baggage handling at **Baku International Airport**. It will also review and propose updating of procurement policies and procedures and will provide training of the national staff. The total cost of the project is U.S. \$360,000.

LITHUANIA

The **Aviation Institute of the Vilnius Technical University** signed with ICAO a Civil Aviation Purchasing Service (CAPS) Agreement for the provision of training equipment, including CESSNA type training aircraft, spare parts and one spare aircraft engine. All equipment is scheduled to be procured and delivered to Lithuania in 1996. ➔