

Humanitarian Aid

Recognition by the Ecuadorian Air Force of the Uruguayan Air Force

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It should be particularly highlighted the recognition and gratitude offered by the Ecuadorian Air Force to the Uruguayan Air Force, with Gen. Alberto Zanelli receiving such a distinguished honor at the event that took place in the CONJEFAMER in Colorado Springs. The reason for this gratitude was the humanitarian aid flight made to the Republic of Ecuador, which involved the C-130 (Hercules) FAU 592 and its crew in the planning, execution and control of the operations destined to confront the natural disaster caused by an earthquake in the province of Manabí, and for offering humanitarian support as well as search and rescue missions in the affected country. It was used around 40 times in total and logged some 50 flight hours. In this way more than 1000 people were evacuated from the affected provinces and a total of 100 tons of humanitarian aid was brought in. This airlift was useful to relieve the desperate situation of several children, young and old people, who had used up their basic supplies and thus got help from the colors of the Uruguayan flag.

The operations took place at the Simón Bolívar AB in Guayaquil and at the Quito AB, places for the collection of cargo and having the strategic Logistic Transport Operations starting point at the Manta AB, from where logistic support operations were carried out for the affected areas. The mission assigned to the C-130 Hercules, comprised of 10 crew members, was strategic air transportation, transporting cargo from Guayaquil and Quito to Manta, and from there it was distributed using light aircraft to the various selected regions most affected by the natural disaster. The activity included transport air operations carrying cargo and passengers, communications links and medical evacuations by air.



For us it is not only our duty, but the pride of being able to offer this help and give proof of friendship and commitment to the Ecuadoran people at such difficult moments. For that reason, we are pleased to have offered that support, and once again show the solidarity and the effort and work entailed to be able to mobilize our aircraft with humanitarian aid in order to mitigate the catastrophic situation provoked by the earthquake.



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