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IHST Applauds New Helicopter Safety Partnership in Brazil *Brazil IHST Group Joins Forces with Brazilian Civil Aviation Authority*

The International Helicopter Safety Team (www.IHST.org) today welcomes the development of an enhanced safety partnership in Brazil with the creation of the Brazilian Helicopter Safety Team (BHEST). The organization reflects a new partnership between the current IHST Brazil group (www.ihstbrasil.org) and the Brazilian Civil Aviation Authority (ANAC - Agência Nacional de Aviação Civil).

BHEST will follow IHST guidelines, mission, and goals as well as ANAC regulations and orientation. The first Co-Chairs of BHEST will be Antonio Modesto of HELIBRAS and Bruno Villela of the Brazilian Navy. A representative of ANAC will act as the BHEST Secretary. Current IHST Brazil members will be appointed to safety sub-committees to be established under the new BHEST organization and new members will be welcome to support the new team.

“This union was sought by IHST Brazil for years,” explains Villela. “It is a great achievement for IHST as another national regulator comes on board our worldwide effort to reduce the accident rates within the rotorcraft community.”

Annual Rotorcraft Accident Rate - Brazil



The IHST promotes safety and works to reduce accidents and fatalities. The organization was formed in 2005 to lead a government and industry cooperative effort to address factors that were affecting an unacceptable helicopter accident rate. Prior to 2006, the number of worldwide civil helicopter accidents was rising at a rate of 2.5 percent per year. Since 2006, the number of accidents worldwide has been decreasing by an annual rate of 2 percent. More information about the IHST, its reports, safety tools, and its Reel Safety audio/video presentations can be obtained at its web site at www.IHST.org and on the IHST Facebook page.