



**World-wide CNS/ATM* Systems
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* Communications, navigation and surveillance/air traffic management

**DECLARATION ON GLOBAL AIR NAVIGATION SYSTEMS
FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**

Wishing to inform the world community about the results of its work for the 21st Century,

THE CONFERENCE DECLARES:

- its **awareness** that increasing levels of co-operation will be necessary at the national, sub-regional and global levels to ensure transparency and interoperability between CNS/ATM system elements so that the goal of a seamless, global air traffic management system can be achieved;
- its **belief** that, at the national level in some States, the operation of air navigation services by autonomous entities may contribute to significant economies and increased efficiency and transparency, as well as facilitate the raising of loans to finance the procurement and implementation of CNS/ATM systems components;
- its **consideration** of the fact that, in most cases, the financing and subsequent operation of CNS/ATM systems, in particular in the developing world, can be of common benefit to lenders, borrowers, and users alike;
- its **observation** that demonstrated sound financial management is critical to securing financing for CNS/ATM projects; in this context, and in addition to the existing financing methods, new innovative ways of financing should continue to be studied;
- its **support** for the role of ICAO's planning and implementation regional groups (PIRGs) which provide a platform for formal recognition of new air navigation facilities and services in concert with the *Global Air Navigation Plan for CNS/ATM Systems*;
- its **belief** that planning and implementation of CNS/ATM systems should be on the basis of homogeneous air traffic management areas and major international traffic flows, taking into account the diversity of technology;
- its **support** for the adoption of the draft *Charter on the Rights and Obligations of States Relating to GNSS Services* as an interim framework for the short term, while consideration is given to the long-term legal framework, including consideration of the development of a draft international convention for this purpose;
- its **support** of further work on the complex legal aspects of the implementation of CNS/ATM systems, including GNSS, which should be carried out by ICAO, with the objective to develop and build mutual confidence among States regarding CNS/ATM, and to support the implementation of CNS/ATM systems which should not be delayed by such further work; and
- its **desire** that the co-operative spirit of the conference be enshrined in this Declaration, and that this spirit form the foundation for future work by all who are involved in implementing CNS/ATM systems within ICAO's global framework.