

Outcomes of the 42nd ICAO Assembly (A42)

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Overview

- 42nd Session of ICAO Assembly
 - Held in Montreal, Canada
 - 23 September to 3 October 2025
 - 192 Member States & 58 Observers
- 9 Agenda Items
 - with 39 sub-agenda items
 - in Technical Commission
 - Safety & Air Navigation
 - 6 Resolutions
 - in Executive Committee
 - USOAP CMA
 - Conflict Zones
 - Crisis Management
 - Innovation in Aviation
 - 3 Resolution



Global Plans

- 2026-2028 edition of GASP endorsed
 - Adopted revised RES to supersede A41-6
 - ICAO to provide support to States to develop and implement NASPs
- 8th edition of GANP endorsed
 - New NANPs be coordinated within PIRGs
 - for regional harmonization + global compatibility & interoperability
 - Agreed to change GANP cycle to 6 years
 - to allow sufficient time for States to develop & implement their plans

Safety related Issues

- Accident Investigation

- Timely publication of investigation final reports
- Challenges in implementing requirements on independence of AIA
- Assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families

- Fatigue Management

- Modern flight deck - cognitive fatigue & info overload of pilots
 - Revised RES A41-10, Appendix O > Digital flight deck environment
- Fatigue management in maintenance personnel

- Regional Cooperation Mechanisms

- Contributions of RSOOs, RAIOS, ICMs, and other mechanisms in SSO & AIG
 - Revised RES A40-6 > include RAIO & ICM
- Delegated functions by regional cooperation mechanisms within ICAO Annexes

Safety related Issues (Cont'd)

- Pilot age limit
 - Proposal to raise multi-pilot commercial air transport pilot age limit to 67 years
 - Medical science inconclusive on increase in upper age limit
 - No change > continue studying issue
- Halon replacement
 - Assess availability of global halon reserves & research on alternatives
 - Revised RES A39-13 > States to continue development of alternative
 - Consider revised cut-off date on use of Halon
- USOAP CMA
 - Establish coordination mechanism between USAP & USOAP groups
 - to address common challenges & provide recommendations
 - Revised RES A40-13 > ICAO's strategic direction to evolution of USOAP CMA

Air Navigation related Issues

- ATM & SAR

- States & ANSPs engage in cross-regional collaboration & data sharing
- Need to establish joint cross-regional task forces under PIRGs framework
 - to expedite implementation of airspace optimization projects
- Assessing coordination between SAR organizations within USOAP CMA activities

- Aerodromes

- SAF quality management > no SARPs (GM exists)
- Impact of natural disasters to aeronautical infrastructure > no SARPs

- MET & SWIM

- Need to mitigate safety risks from HMEs
- ICAO strategy for SWIM implementation at regional & national levels
 - while facilitating harmonized approach across all ICAO regions

Air Navigation related Issues (Cont'd)

- Space Transport Ops

- States to engage in bilateral / multilateral efforts to enhance STO
- Need for sharing experiences & best practices on space debris re-entry

- GNSS RFI

- Revised RES A41-8, Appendix C (resilience)
- Coordinate with standards making organizations on A/C resilience
- Develop requirements & performance standards for time synchronization
 - across all airborne & ground-based automated systems

- RPAS, UAS and AAM

- Expedited development & implementation of measures (incl. interim solutions)
 - to facilitate legally compliant and safe UAS operations over high seas

Other Issues of Interest

- Innovation

- Need for ICAO to develop regulatory frameworks and standardized approaches to AI
- Revised A40-27 > Directs Council to implement Policy on Innovation

- Crisis Management

- Alignment of national regulations with ICAO provisions on contingency management
- ICAO global framework for crisis preparedness & response underway
 - includes guidance material, training and implementation support plans

- Conflict zones

- Review Doc 10084 to address identified gaps & vulnerabilities
- iPack on conflict zones (focus on contingency coordination teams)
- New RES on conflict zones > calls for dedicated ICAO programme

— Meeting is invited to:

- Consider A42 outcomes & RECs
 - Revise the work programme of AASPG accordingly



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Thank You!