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Research and Studies on International Air Law Subjects

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Introduction

Overview of the
international air law
research and studies
conducted by ICAO



Strategic Goal

“The International Civil Aviation Convention and other Treaties, Laws and Regulations address all Challenges”

Current Status of Research and Studies

through the Legal Committee and supported by the Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau



ARTICLE 12 OF THE
CHICAGO
CONVENTION



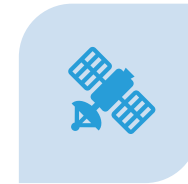
REVIEW OF THE
ROLE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL
EXPLOSIVES
TECHNICAL
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UNDER THE MEX
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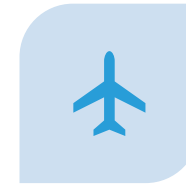
UNMANNED
(PILOTLESS)
AIRCRAFT
OPERATIONS



ACTS OR OFFENCES
OF CONCERN TO
INTERNATIONAL
AVIATION
COMMUNITY,
INCLUDING CYBER
THREATS, THAT
MAY NOT BE
ADEQUATELY
COVERED BY
EXISTING AIR LAW
INSTRUMENTS



GLOBAL SATELLITE
SYSTEMS AND
SERVICES
SUPPORTING
INTERNATIONAL
AIR NAVIGATION
SERVICES



INTERNATIONAL
CARRIAGE BY AIR
AND DATA
PROTECTION LAWS



LEGAL REVIEW OF
THE ANALYSIS
COMPLETED BY
ATRP OF THE
APPLICATION OF
ARTICLE 15 OF THE
CHICAGO
CONVENTION

Legal survey on global satellite systems and services

Study of international legal issues relating to global satellite systems and services supporting international air navigation services

Item added to the Legal Committee Work Programme in 1988

The study led to the adoption of several ICAO Assembly Resolutions (A32-19, A32-20, A35-3) and a *Statement of ICAO Policy on CNS/ATM Systems Implementation and Operation*

ICAO A42 considered a proposal to continuously monitor the aviation operating landscape

- identify potential risks, including supporting mitigation measures related to CNS/ATM implementation
- identify impacts of increasing space object re-entries
- identify impacts of higher-altitude operations

Legal Committee to determine whether the proposed elements should be addressed within the scope of this study

Legal survey on cyber threats

Acts or offences of concern to the international aviation community, including cyber threats, that may not be adequately covered by existing air law instruments

Ratification

Beijing Convention and Protocol
2010 deal with cyberattacks against
civil aviation

Implementation

Survey on implementation by States
of international air law instruments
in national legal frameworks on
cyber security



Action by the 61st DGCA Conference

States/Administrations in the APAC Region are invited to continue to support the legal research and studies of ICAO by:

- **providing timely responses to the legal surveys**
- **participating in LC40 on 26-30 Oct 2026**

Thank You

