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Introduction

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Working Paper DP/09/03 presents:

Actions taken since APAC/DGCA/60 towards contributing to the Strategic Goal: *The International Civil Aviation Convention and other Treaties, Laws and Regulations* address all Challenges

Overview of the APAC States' responses to actions taken by ICAO, including depositary actions

Future actions to accelerate treaty ratification and aeronautical arrangements registration using WAGMAR

Action Item 60/56 from APAC-DGCA/60

States were encouraged to:

- a) Become parties to the international air law treaties;
- b) Nominate Focal Points for treaty ratification;
- c) Participate in and/or host legal events;
- d) Inform ICAO of their treaty ratification progress with the DGCA tracking matrix; and
- e) Contact ICAO for information or assistance with regard to ratification matters.

Provisions and Benefits of Six Key Treaties

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Montreal Convention 1999
(air carrier liability): 145 Parties **(24 APAC States)**, Universal application for uniform regime



Beijing Convention 2010 (security and safety): 60 Parties **(4 APAC States)**, deals with new and emerging threats using aircraft, BCN weapons, cyber attacks



Beijing Protocol 2010 (security and safety): 60 Parties **(5 APAC States)**: deals with new forms of unlawful seizure including by any technological means



Montréal Protocol 2014 (unruly and disruptive passengers): 64 Parties **(5 APAC States)**, expands jurisdiction beyond State of registry, and promotes enforcement



2016 Protocol on Art. 50 (a) of the Chicago Convention (increase in the size of Council): 132 Parties **(14 APAC States)**, broader representation in the Council



2016 Protocol on Art. 56 of the Chicago Convention (increase in the size of the ANC): 132 Parties **(14 APAC States)**, broader representation on the ANC

Provisions and Benefits of Two more treaties



Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Chicago Convention (Final Paragraph, Arabic Text) 1995
 (Arabic language text of the Convention equally authentic to other language texts): 71 ratifications **(11 APAC States)**



Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Chicago Convention (Final Paragraph, Chinese Text) 1998
 (Chinese language text of the Convention equally authentic to other language texts): 57 ratifications **(10 APAC States)**

2016 Protocols on Articles 50(a) and 56 of the Chicago Convention

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BOTH PROTOCOLS ENTERED INTO FORCE ON 12 JUNE 2026

- **Council expands from 36 to 40 Members;**
 - Extraordinary Session of the Assembly convened for 19 and 20 November 2026 to elect 4 Members, State letter invitation issued on 3 July 2026
- **Air Navigation Commission expands from 19 to 21 Members,** State letter inviting nominations issued on 13 July 2026

Developments since APAC-DGCA/60

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Actions taken to promote ratification

- Following up Action Item 60/56 of APAC-DGCA/60, ICAO discussed and recalled its actions during the different meetings with States and IOs.
- Issuance of State letters promoting the ratification of international air law treaties.

Depositary Actions by APAC States

- Two depositary actions by one APAC State (Japan) have been recorded.

APAC States

- 33 APAC States have nominated Focal Points.
- 1 APAC State has ratified the eight key treaties (Singapore).
- 2 APAC States have ratified six of the key treaties (India, Mongolia).

Upcoming actions to promote the ratification of international air law treaties

Future events

- 40th Session of the Legal Committee (Montréal, 26 – 30 October 2026)
- International Air Law Course in the APAC region in 2027
- Legal Seminar to be held in the Republic of Korea in 2027
- CALAF/5 to be held in Nigeria in 2027

Registration of Aeronautical Agreements and Arrangements

WAGMAR:

- Self-registration of agreements by State Focal Points
- State Letter SN (2026): AP053/26 (TC) invites APAC States to nominate WAGMAR focal point(s)



Tracking Matrix for Treaty Ratification

[NAME OF THE MEMBER STATE]					
	TREATY PROPOSED BY DGCA TO COMPETENT AUTHORITY FOR RATIFICATION	TREATY SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO LEGISLATURE OR OTHER COMPETENT AUTHORITY	AWAITING SUBMISSION OF THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION TO THE DEPOSITARY (E.G., ICAO)	TREATY NOT CONSIDERED FOR RATIFICATION	COMMENTS
[NAME OF TREATY]					
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[...]					

Action by the Conference

The Conference is invited to encourage APAC States to:

- a) become parties to the international air law treaties;
- b) nominate Focal Points for ratification matters;
- c) participate in LC/40 this October, in the Legal Seminar in the Republic of Korea in 2027, in CALAF/5 in Nigeria in 2027, and in other future ICAO legal events for the continuous training and development of their legal advisers; and consider hosting such events in their States;
- d) inform ICAO by **31 December 2026** of their further treaty ratification progress by updating the DGCA tracking matrix;
- e) contact the ICAO LEB Treaty Section (treaty@icao.int, officeleb@icao.int) for information or assistance with regard to ratification matters; and
- f) register aeronautical agreements and arrangements with ICAO through WAGMAR (<https://dna.icao.int/WAGMAR>).

Thank You

