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# Agenda Item 8

Strengthening States' legislative, institutional and financing frameworks to ensure effective and sustainable State Aviation Authorities

Ratification of International Air Law Treaties

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# Introduction

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**Overview**    Actions taken since 2024 EUR/NAT DGCA Meeting on the promotion of ratification of international air law treaties

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Overview of the EUR/NAT States' responses to actions taken by ICAO, including depositary actions

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

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# Conclusion 2024/11 from the 2024 EUR/NAT DG Meeting

## 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



**Montreal Convention 1999 (air carrier liability): 144 Parties (49 EUR/NAT States), Universal application for uniform regime**



**Beijing Convention 2010 (security and safety): 58 Parties (18 EUR/NAT States), deals with new and emerging threats using aircraft, BCN weapons, cyber attacks**



**Beijing Protocol 2010 (security and safety): 58 Parties (18 EUR/NAT States): deals with new forms of unlawful seizure including by any technological means**



**Montréal Protocol 2014 (unruly and disruptive passengers): 59 Parties (20 EUR/NAT 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): 124 ratifications (49 EUR/NAT States), 128 needed, broader representation n the Council**



**2016 Protocol on Art. 56 of the Chicago Convention (increase in the size of the ANC): 124 ratifications (49 EUR/NAT States), 128 needed, 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 (28 EUR/NAT 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 (26 EUR/NAT States)**

# Developments since 2024 EUR/NAT DG Meeting 7

## Actions taken to promote ratification

- Following on the Conclusion 2024/11 of the 2024 EUR/NAT DGCA Meeting, 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 EUR/NAT States

- Since the 2024 DGCA Meeting: 24 depositary actions by 12 EUR/NAT States (Albania, Andorra, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia and Turkmenistan) have been recorded.

## Tracking Progress by EUR/NAT States

- 23 EUR/NAT States have nominated Focal Points and/or reported on the internal process for ratification.
- 7 EUR/NAT States have ratified the 8 selected treaties (Cyprus, Finland, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Romania, Switzerland and Turkmenistan).



# Upcoming actions to promote the ratification of international air law treaties

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## Future events

International Air Law Course to be hosted by the EUR/NAT Regional Office in 2026/2027

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The 40th Session of the Legal Committee (Montréal, 26 – 30 October 2026)

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Legal Seminar to be held in the Republic of Korea in 2027

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# Registration of Aeronautical Agreements and Arrangements

## WAGMAR:

- Self-registration of agreements by State Focal Points
- State Letter EUR/NAT 26-0047.TEC (FEB/BEF) invites EUR/NAT States to nominate a WAGMAR focal point
- <https://dna.icao.int/WAGMAR>



The screenshot shows the WAGMAR website homepage. At the top, there is the ICAO logo and the text "WAGMAR WEBSITE OF AERONAUTICAL AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS". Below this is a navigation bar with links for "Search Agreement", "Search Aircraft", "User Guide", and a "LOGIN" button. The main header features the "WAGMAR" logo and the same descriptive text. The background of the header is a dark blue globe with a network of white lines and dots. Below the header, the text "WELCOME TO WAGMAR" is displayed. A notice box on the left contains the following text: "Notice : Migration of Agreements and Arrangements from ICAO's Database of Aeronautical Agreements and Arrangements (DAGMAR) is partially complete. Some Agreements and Arrangements may therefore not be accessible on WAGMAR at this time. While the situation is being resolved, please note that you may access preexisting registrations on DAGMAR at the following address: [https://cfapp.icao.int/dagmar/main.cfm?UserLang=\\_e\\_](https://cfapp.icao.int/dagmar/main.cfm?UserLang=_e_)". To the right of the notice, a paragraph states: "Pursuant to the Convention on International Civil Aviation States are required to register international aeronautical agreements and arrangements with ICAO. WAGMAR permits States to register such agreements and arrangements on-line. It is also available to States, operators and the public to search for information concerning registered agreements and arrangements. If you would like to find out more about WAGMAR, please click on the Video tutorial button below for further information."

# 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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[...]					

## Draft EUR/NAT DGCA Conclusion 2026# / Ratification of International Air Law Treaties

That the ICAO Regional Director, Europe and North Atlantic, encourage EUR/NAT States to:

- a) become parties to the international air law treaties;
- b) nominate Focal Points for ratification matters and for WAGMAR;
- c) participate in 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 **30 November 2026** of their further treaty ratification progress by updating the DGCA tracking matrix;
- e) contact the ICAO LEB Treaty Section (treaty@icao.int, officaleb@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>).

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# Thank You

