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Theme 2: Improving aviation safety

Topic 2.4: Mutual recognition

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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REFERENCES

DGCA/06-WP/8, 13, 27

1. CONCLUSIONS

1.1 The Conference agreed to the following conclusions:

a) *Validation*

Before recognizing certificates and licences of other States as valid, there is a need for verification that the conditions for such recognition are met, i.e. that these documents were issued under requirements at least equal to the applicable ICAO Standards;

b) *Recognition and surveillance of foreign aircraft*

- 1) it is incumbent upon a State to ensure safety in the airspace within its territory, including the operation of aircraft of foreign operators; and
- 2) a harmonized process for recognition of certificates and licences as valid, as well as a uniform approach to the surveillance of foreign aircraft operations are desirable. To this end, ICAO should develop provisions and guidance material as necessary.

c) *Safety clause*

- 1) the inclusion of a safety clause in bilateral agreements, for which models are available, is advisable; and
- 2) ongoing dialogue, as well as surveillance of foreign air operators, would be required to maintain the validity of such agreements.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The Conference agreed to the following recommendations:

a) *Validation*

States should verify that the conditions for recognition of certificates and licences of other States as valid are met;

b) *Recognition and surveillance of foreign aircraft*

- 1) ICAO should develop provisions and guidance as necessary to assist States in securing the highest practicable degree of uniformity in the recognition of certificates and licences as valid and in the surveillance of foreign aircraft operations in their territory;
- 2) contracting States should establish operating rules, in accordance with the Convention and on a non-discriminatory basis, governing the admission and surveillance of foreign air operators within their territories; and
- 3) States should implement and strengthen their surveillance of foreign aircraft operations within their territory and take appropriate action when necessary to preserve safety.

c) *Safety clause*

States should include a safety clause in their bilateral air service agreements, based on the model safety clause developed by ICAO.

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