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Introduction

Working Paper 06 presents:

Actions taken since NACC/DCA/13 towards contributing to the Strategic Goal: *The International Civil Aviation Convention and other Treaties, Laws and Regulations* address all Challenges

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

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

Conclusion 13/09 from NACC/DCA/13

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 (15 NACC States), Universal application for uniform regime



Beijing Convention 2010 (security and safety): 57 Parties (5 NACC States), deals with new and emerging threats using aircraft, BCN weapons, cyber attacks



Beijing Protocol 2010 (security and safety): 57 Parties (5 NACC States): deals with new forms of unlawful seizure including by any technological means



Montréal Protocol 2014 (unruly and disruptive passengers): 58 Parties (5 NACC 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 (14 NACC States), 128 needed, broader representation in the Council

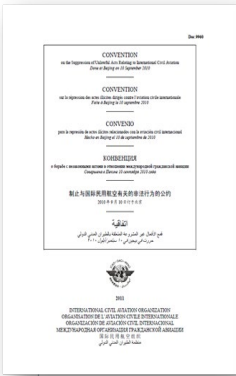


2016 Protocol on Art. 56 of the Chicago Convention (increase in the size of the ANC): 124 ratifications (14 NACC States), 128 needed, broader representation on the ANC

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 (7 NACC 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 (5 NACC States)

Developments since NACC/DCA/13

Actions taken to promote ratification

- Following up Conclusion 09 of the NACC/DCA/13 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 NACC States

- Six depositary actions by one NACC State (Saint Lucia) have been recorded.

Tracking Progress by NACC States

- 8 NACC States have nominated Focal Points and/or reported on the internal process for ratification.
- 4 NACC States have ratified the six key treaties.

Upcoming actions to promote the ratification of international air law treaties

Future events

International Air Law Course to be hosted by the NACC RO in 2026/2027

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

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

Registration of Aeronautical Agreements and Arrangements

WAGMAR:

- Self-registration of agreements by State Focal Points
- State Letter NT-NL1 – E.OSG.NACC118732 invites NACC States to nominate a WAGMAR focal point



The screenshot shows the WAGMAR website homepage. At the top left is the ICAO logo. To its right is the text "ICAO WAGMAR WEBSITE OF AERONAUTICAL AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS". Below this is a navigation bar with links for "Search Agreement", "Search Aircraft", and "User Guide", and a "LOGIN" button on the right. The main header features the "WAGMAR" logo and the full name of the website. 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 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". 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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Action by the Meeting

The Meeting is invited to encourage NACC States to:

- a) become parties to the international air law treaties;
- b) nominate Focal Points for ratification matters;
- 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 **1 October 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

