



Fourteenth North American, Central American and Caribbean Directors of Civil Aviation Meeting

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**INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL AVIATION
ORGANIZATION**



Research and Studies on International Air Law Subjects

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Directors of Civil Aviation Meeting

St. George's, Antigua and Barbuda

1-5 June 2026

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 Legal Committee



ARTICLE 12 OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION



REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXPLOSIVES TECHNICAL COMMISSION UNDER THE MEX CONVENTION



UNMANNED (PILOTLESS) AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS



ACTS OR OFFENCES OF CONCERN TO THE 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 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

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 leads 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

Main takeaways



**ICAO IS ACTIVELY
UPDATING LEGAL
RESEARCH AND STUDIES
ACROSS PRIORITY AREAS**



**LEGAL SURVEYS AND
STUDY GROUPS ARE
CENTRAL TOOLS**



**FOCUS AREAS REFLECT
TECHNOLOGICAL,
OPERATIONAL, AND
REGULATORY CHANGE**



**2026 WILL BE A KEY YEAR
FOR REPORTING AND
DECISIONS**

Actions Requested from States

1

Support the ICAO Legal Committee

Provide timely responses to legal surveys on various subjects

2

Participate in 40th Session of the Legal Committee

Submit working papers by 11 September 2026, if so desired,
Inform ICAO of the composition of your delegation and register on-line by 9 October 2026



Thank You

