



AFI AVIATION WEEK

11TH MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION OF THE AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN REGION (AFI-DGCA/11)

Cairo, Egypt, 27 July 2026

**INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL AVIATION
ORGANIZATION**



Agenda Item 2: Global and Regional Developments

International Air Law Programme

Presenter Name

ICAO

AFI DGCA/11

Cairo, Egypt, 27 - 31 July 2026

Overview of Presentation

- International air law research and studies conducted by ICAO
- Promotion of ratification of international air law treaties
- Registration of aeronautical agreements and arrangements using WAGMAR
- Upcoming international air law events



Current Status of Research and Studies⁴

through the Legal Committee and supported by the Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau



ARTICLE 12 OF THE
CHICAGO
CONVENTION



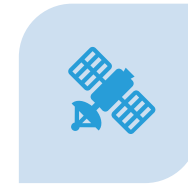
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ROLE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL
EXPLOSIVES
TECHNICAL
COMMISSION
UNDER THE MEX
CONVENTION



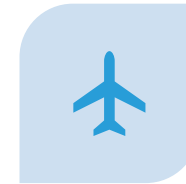
UNMANNED
(PILOTLESS)
AIRCRAFT
OPERATIONS



ACTS OR OFFENCES
OF CONCERN TO
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

Ratification of International Air Law Instruments

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Montreal Convention 1999
(air carrier liability): 145
Parties (37 AFI States)



Beijing Convention 2010
(security and safety): 60
Parties (23 AFI States)



Beijing Protocol 2010 (security
and safety): 60 Parties
(22 AFI States)



Montréal Protocol 2014
(unruly and disruptive
passengers): 62 Parties
(23 AFI States)



2016 Protocol on Art. 50 (a) of
the Chicago Convention
(increase in the size of
Council): 129 ratifications
(33 AFI States)



2016 Protocol on Art. 56 of
the Chicago Convention
(increase in the size of the
ANC): 129 ratifications
(33 AFI States)



1995 Protocol Relating to the
Final Paragraph of the Chicago
Convention (Arabic Text): 71
ratifications (11 AFI States)



1998 Protocol Relating to the
Final Paragraph of the Chicago
Convention (Chinese Text): 57
ratifications (7 AFI States)

Developments since 2024 AFI Aviation Week

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Actions taken to promote ratification

- ICAO continued to promote treaty ratification at various events.
- Issuance of State letters promoting the ratification of international air law treaties.

Depositary Actions by AFI States

Since 8 July 2024, 53 new ratifications of the initial six key treaties by 21 African States have been recorded.

Tracking Progress by AFI States

- 4 AFI States have ratified the 8 selected treaties: Gabon, Namibia, Rwanda and Tunisia.
- 2 AFI States have ratified 7 of the 8 selected treaties: Botswana and Ghana.

Registration of Aeronautical Agreements and Arrangements

WAGMAR:

- Self-registration of agreements by State Focal Points
- 2026 ICAO Air Law Treaty Workshop in Tanzania addressed Article 83 bis and WAGMAR
- State Letters issued by all ICAO ROs in the first half of 2026 invited States to nominate a WAGMAR focal point
- <https://dna.icao.int/WAGMAR>



Upcoming International Air Law Events

Future events

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

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

ICAO Civil Aviation Legal Advisers Forum (CALAF) to be held in Nigeria in 2027

Action by the Meeting

The Meeting is invited to encourage AFI States to:

- a) continue to support the legal studies of ICAO
 - provide timely responses to the legal surveys
 - participate in the review of the report of legal studies during LC40 in Oct 2026
- b) become parties to the international air law treaties
 - update DGCA treaty ratification tracking matrix
 - nominate Focal Points for ratification matters
- c) register aeronautical agreements and arrangements with ICAO
 - use WAGMAR
 - nominate WAGMAR focal points
- d) Participate in/host future ICAO legal events

Thank You

