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Henry joined the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in 1999. ICAO is a United Nations specialized agency mandated to establish and maintain the international standards for safe, efficient and economical international air transport.

Since joining ICAO, Henry has been with the Air Navigation Bureau and has principally managed one of ICAO's leading programs, the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP). In 2014 he was appointed as one of the Bureau's Deputy Directors; responsible for the management of all monitoring and oversight activities within ICAO Member States, and reporting on their capability of meeting their international obligations to ensure effective safety oversight of the States' civil aviation industry.

He was recently appointed as Head of Strategic Planning, Coordination and Partnerships within the Office of the Secretary General primarily to coordinate high-level and cross-cutting policies and programmes among the different Bureaux and Offices at Headquarters as well as Regional Offices of the Organization. His Office is also responsible for facilitating the development of partnerships, as well as to leverage such strategic partnerships in air transport systems' enhancements in Member States and the mobilization of resources needed to implement necessary improvements.

In 2011 he was the recipient of the Flight Safety Foundation President's Citation award for his contribution to world aviation safety. Prior to joining ICAO, he held various management positions with Transport Canada and was the Chief Executive Officer of an aviation firm in Montreal.

Henry holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautics and an advanced degree in military defense studies. He holds a Canadian aircraft maintenance and engineering licence for airframe and powerplant maintenance and is an active pilot with a multi-engine rating. He has recently retired from 30 years of military reserve service with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.