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Common Delegation to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

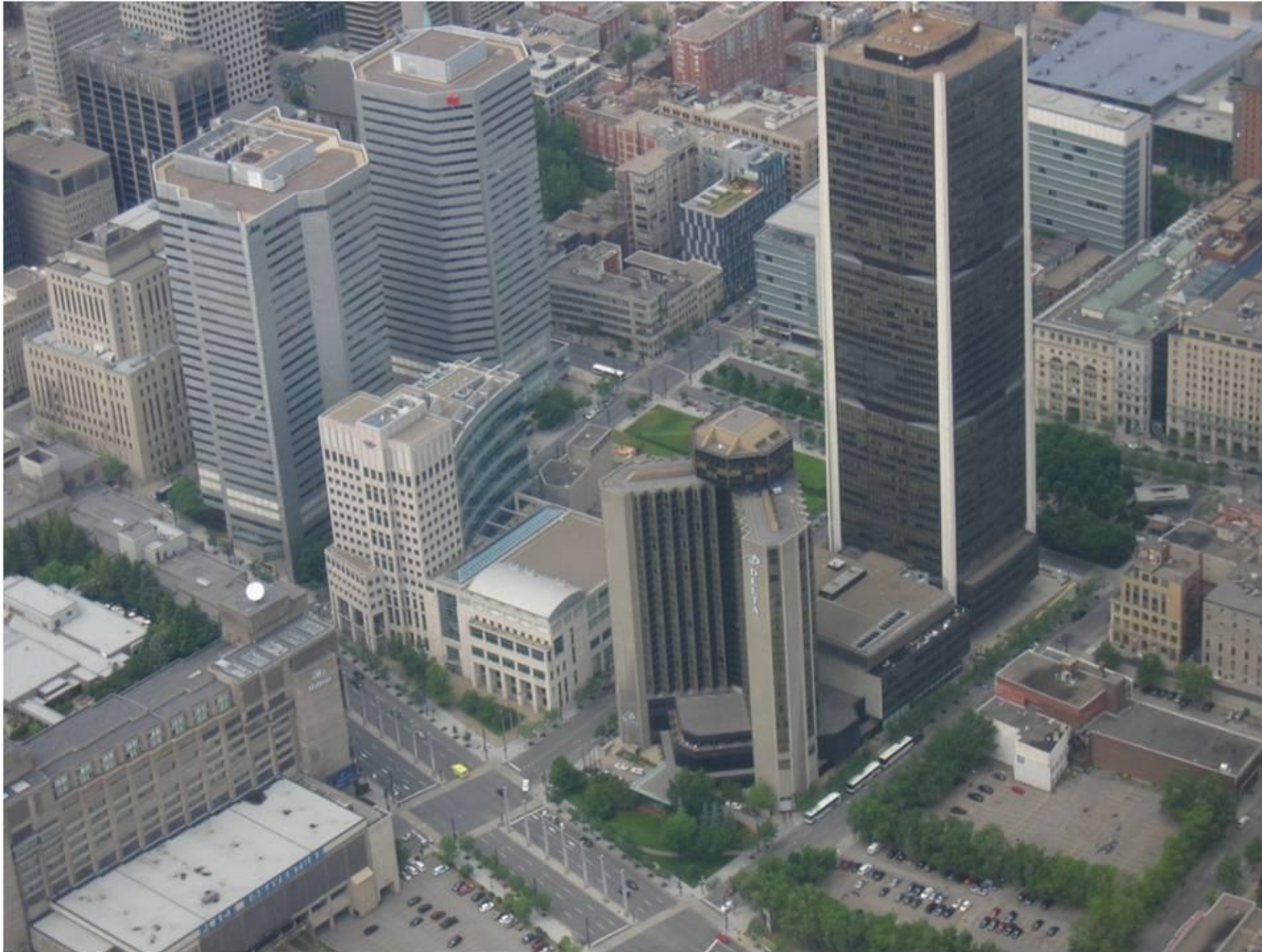




The role of a State Representative on the ICAO Council

My personal experience as
Permanent Representative of Switzerland
on the Council of the
International Civil Aviation Organisation
2007 - 2010

MONTREAL – WORLD CAPITAL OF CIVIL AVIATION



- ICAO
- IATA
- ACI
- SITA
- Bombardier
- Bell Textron
- CAE
- P & W
- etc.



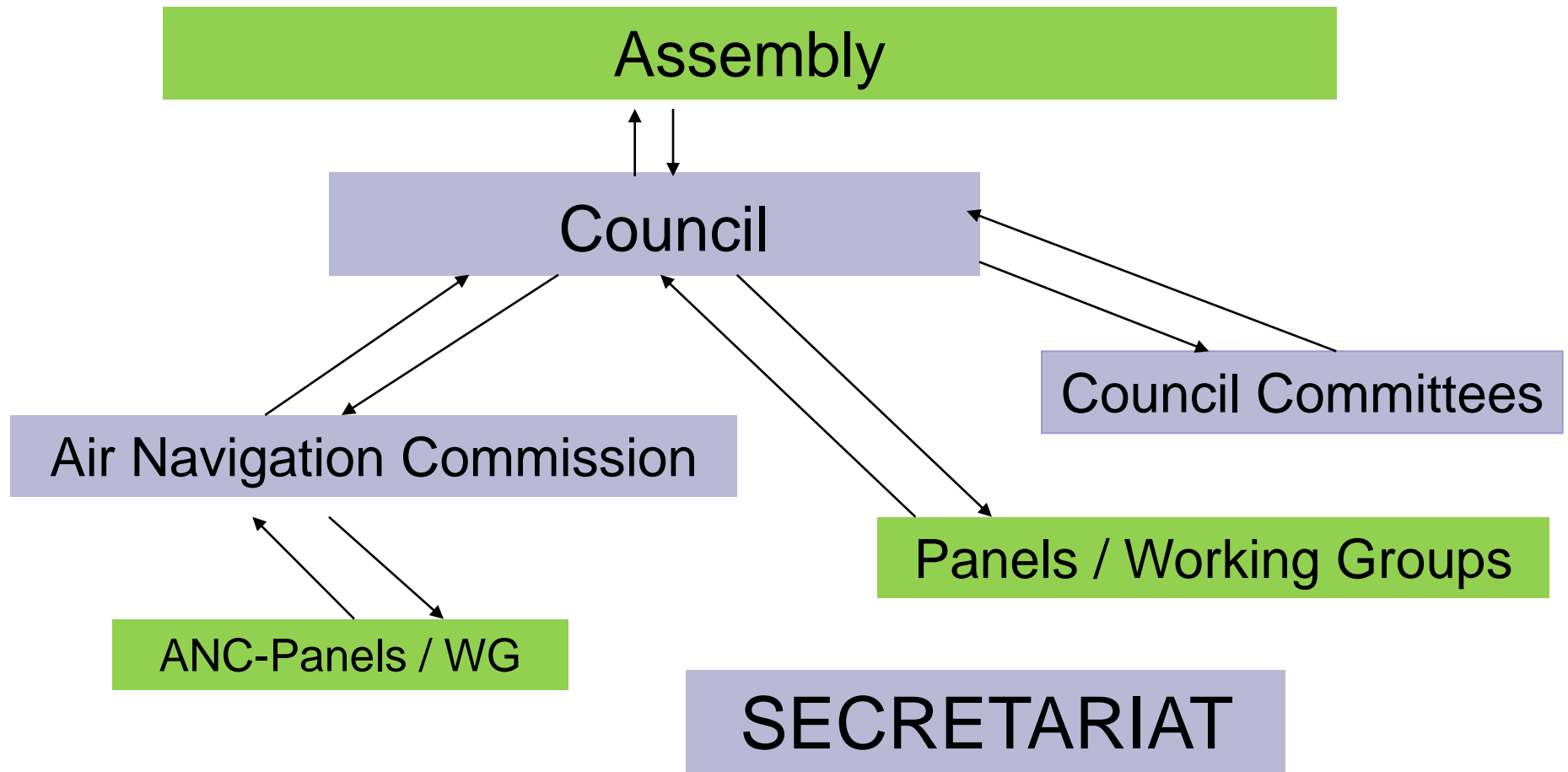
International Civil Aviation Organisation

- International Organisation of Contracting States
- Convention on International Civil Aviation
- Conference in Chicago 1944 (52 States, incl. SWI)
- Model for later UN-Organisation (1945)
- PICA0 (Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization)
- Permanent Seat (Headquarters) in Montreal
- Ratification of Chicago Convention 1947 (26 States)
- Specialized Organisation of the United Nations System (1947)
- 7th Dezember: International Civil Aviation Day (1994)

**ICAO HQ Building,
999, University St.,
Montreal, Canada**



ICAO – Organisational Structure





ICAO – Bodies

Plenary Session (Assembly)

- Convened by Council, not less than once in three years
- Special Sessions (Council or 1/5 of member States (38))
- Participants: 191 Contracting States; Observers
- Elects Member States represented on the Council

Council (Executive Body) 36 Member States, 3 Groups:

- 1) States of chief importance in air transport (11)
- 2) States with largest provision of facilities (12)
- 3) States that insure geographic representation (13)

ICAO Assembly Hall



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ICAO Council Member States 2007 - 2010

Part I

- 1 Australia
- 2 Brazil
- 3 Canada
- 4 China
- 5 France
- 6 Germany
- 7 Italy
- 8 Japan
- 9 Russian Federation
- 10 United Kingdom
- 11 United States of America

Part II

- 1 Argentina
- 2 Egypt
- 3 Iceland
- 4 India
- 5 Mexico
- 6 Nigeria
- 7 Saudi-Arabia
- 8 Singapore
- 9 South Africa
- 10 Spain
- 11 Switzerland
- 12 Venezuela

Part III

- 1 Kamerun
- 2 Dom. Republic
- 3 Rep. Ecuador
- 4 El Salvador
- 5 Ghana
- 6 Malaysia
- 7 Namibia
- 8 Rep. Korea
- 9 Romania
- 10 Tunisia
- 11 UAE
- 12 Uganda
- 13 Uruguay

(Red: Members of Rotation-Groups)

Geographical Distribution: 8 ECAC; 8 LACAC; 7 APAC; 6 AFCAC; 4 ACAC





ICAO-Council : Permanent Executive Body

- **Adopts Standards and Recommended Practices (SARP)**
 - Requires the vote of two-thirds of the Council / Majority of States
- **Convenes the Plenary Assemblies and Conferences**
 - Approval of Agenda, Documentation, Conference Reports
- **Elects / Appoints / Makes provisions for nomination**
 - its President , 3 Vice-Presidents, Secretary General
 - Members / President of the ANC and Committees; other personnel
- **Settlement of disputes**
 - Any disagreement between Contracting States

ICAO – Council Chamber



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Organisation and Ressources

President of the Council: Roberto Kobeh González (Mexico)

- Term of three years; no vote (Council seat shall be filled by his State)
- Convenes meetings of the Council, ATC and ANC; represents Council

Air Navigation Commission – technical advisors

- 19 experts (candidates of Member States, elected by the Council)
- Consider , recommend modifications of the Annexes to the Convention

Permanent Committees and Working Groups

- Council: ATC, FIC, UIC, TCC, JSC, HRC, EWA; (WGOE, WGOG)
- Member States: Legal Committee, Environment Committee (CAEP)
- Panels (ATRP, OPS, AP, etc.) Working Groups, Study Groups



ICAO – Secretariat

Secretary General: Raymond Benjamin (France)

5 „Bureaus“ (Personnel: 200 Professionals; 400 General Staff)

- **ANB** Air Navigation Bureau (Nancy Graham, **USA**)
- **ATB** Air Transport Bureau (Boubacar Djibo, **Niger**)
- **ASB** Administration and Services Bureau (Fang Liu, **China**)
- **LEB** Legal Bureau (Denis Wibaux, **France**)
- **TCB** Technical Cooperation Bureau (Ivan R. Galan Martinez, **Chile**)

7 Regional Offices

- Bangkok, Cairo, Dakar, Lima, Mexico, Nairobi, Paris (2nd RO in Asia)

Financing: Member States' contributions (Minimum 0.06 %)

- USA 25%; JPN ~9%; D 6.65%; **ABIS 5.71%**; UK 5.68%.



ICAO – Strategic Objectives (2014 – 2016)

- **Safety** – Enhance global civil aviation safety
- **Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency** – Increase capacity and improve efficiency of the global civil aviation
- **Security & Facilitation** – Enhance global civil aviation security and facilitation
- **Economic Development of Air Transport** – Foster the development of a sound and economically-viable civil aviation system
- **Environmental Protection** – Minimize the adverse environmental effects of civil aviation activities



Cooperation with the Aviation Industry

Direct participation of industry / organizations

- Observers in Council / ANC (IATA, ACI, etc.); „State of the industry“
- **IATA = member of the ICAO Air Transport Committee ATC**
- Experts in ICAO Panels / Working Groups / Study Groups
- Delegations at ICAO Conferences / Meetings (List of IO's invited)
- Participating in/financing of Technical Cooperation Projects

Coordination of activities between ICAO and Industry

- IATA: - DG Technical Instructions, IATA Operational Safety Audit, Training, Conferences, Initiatives („Agenda for Freedom“)



Annexes to the Chicago Convention



- Annex 1** Personnel Licensing
- Annex 2** Rules of the Air
- Annex 3** Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation
- Annex 4** Aeronautical Charts
- Annex 5** Units of Measurement to be Used in Air and Ground Operations
- Annex 6** Operation of Aircraft
- Annex 7** Aircraft Nationality and Registration Marks
- Annex 8** Airworthiness of Aircraft
- Annex 9** Facilitation
- Annex 10** Aeronautical Telecommunications
- Annex 11** Air Traffic Services
- Annex 12** Search and Rescue - SAR
- Annex 13** Aircraft Accident and Incident Investigation
- Annex 14** Aerodromes
- Annex 15** Aeronautical Information Services - AIS
- Annex 16** Environmental Protection
- Annex 17** Security
- Annex 18** The Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air

NEW: Annex 19
Safety Management

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The ABIS – Group

- Founded 1980 (BeNeLux, S) – M o U ; Rotation Group
- Trigger: Increase of Council seats (30 → 33) ; Netherlands
- Target: Permanent representation in ICAO bodies
- Means: Candidates for Council and ANC (by rotation)
- Common characteristics and interests of Member States
- Exchange of experience in operational / technical matters
- 1981: Austria → ABS (Austria-BeNeLux-Switzerland)
- 1997: Ireland → ABIS ; 2008: Portugal → ABIS
- Sequence - Council: **B**, P, I, N, A, **S** ; ANC: **A**, I, B, **S**, P, N (LUX)

ABIS reception, 36th ICAO Assembly – Sept. 2007





Swiss Council Representative

- Head of ABIS-Delegation (permanent representation at ICAO)
- 9 Sessions, 115 Council meetings, 600 Working Papers
- 6 Languages (E,F,S,A,C,R); interpretation/translation
- Additional 100 meetings of Standing Committees
- Human Resources HRC (UN New York)
- Joint Support (North Atlantic)
- Air Transport, Unlawful Interference, Technical Cooperation
- 2. Vice-president of Council (2008–2009, one year)
- Chairman of Working Group on Efficiency (WGOE)

ABIS Delegation – Office on 14th floor of ICAO Building





Important developments and events

→ Safety

- **HLSC 2010** : USOAP - from Audits to Continuous Monitoring System
- **SARPs** : Priority on **Implementation** iso Development of new SARPs
- **SMS, SSP** : Development of new **Annex 19**
- **SES, NextGen** : Regulatory environment for future ANS/ATM
- **NGAP 2010** : Fight Shortage of Qualified Aviation Personnel

→ Security

- **UIC–Unlawful Interference Committee** : Detroit, 25 December 2009
- **AVSEC–Aviation Security Panel**
- **Security vs. Facilitation** : LAGs, Body Scanners, Non-Pax Screening



Important developments and events

→ Environment Protection

- ICAO Leadership Role in Aviation Environment protection
- **GIACC–Group on International Aviation and Climate Change**
- Goals:
 - Neutral growth in carbon emissions until 2020
 - Global measures vs. Regional Emission Trading Systems
- **Committee on Aviation Environment Protection**
- Conflict of interests between Developed and Developing States

→ Air Transport Economics

- **Liberalization** in air transport (**Slots, Night Flight Restrictions**)
- Conflict of interests between Developed and Developing States



Personal goals and achievements

Chairman, Council Working Group on Efficiency WGOE

- Improvement of Council's Work Processes
- Introduction of Electronic Voting
- Strategic Objectives / Communications Concept
- Organizational Review of ICAO Regional Programme

Human Resources Committee

- Transparency in nominations for higher positions (D)
- New Service Code for ICAO Personnel
- Basics for Ethics-Code / Whistleblower concept

2nd Vice-president of the Council



A-37 Electronic Voting – October 2010





Representing Switzerland abroad

- Civil Aviation Chief Executive Program (CACEP Singapore, 07/2008)
- ICAO Joint Support Committee inspection (Iceland/Greenland, 09/2008)
- ICAO Legal Seminar Asia-Pacific (Seoul-Incheon, 03/2009)
- ECAC 33rd Triennial Session (Strasbourg, 07/2009)
- High-Level Safety and Environment Conference, Galapagos (04/2010)
- ICAO Global Civil Aviation SAR Forum, Abu Dhabi (06/2010)



CACEP SIN – Terminal 3 official opening





JSC inspection ISAVIA – Reykjavik





ICAO Legal Seminar APAC – Incheon





HLSC+, Galapagos





ICAO Global SAR-Forum – Abu Dhabi





Forthcoming ICAO Conferences and meetings

- High-Level Conference on Aviation Security, 12 – 19 Sept. 2012
- 8th Symposium & Exhibition on MRTD's, 10 – 12 October 2012
- Performance-based Navigation (PBN) Symp., 16 – 19 Oct. 2012
- Aviation and Climate Change Seminar, 23 – 24 October 2012
- 12th Air Navigation Conference, 19 – 30 November 2012
- 6th Worldwide Air Transport Conference, 18 – 22 March 2013
- 38th Session of the Assembly, 24 September – 4 October 2013

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7 December : Celebration of the **International Civil Aviation Day**
(Theme : „**Aviation : Your Reliable Connection to the World**“)



QUESTIONS ?

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