



IAOPA Action Priorities for ICAO

The International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations (IAOPA) was formed in 1962 to gain recognition for the unique needs of general aviation operations among States in their regulation of the international civil aviation community. Principal among these needs was to gain recognition within ICAO that in developing its standards and recommend practices it must accommodate general aviation's operating profiles and capabilities. Flowing from this objective are the following perennial priorities:

1. Recognition throughout the Annexes of the separate needs and capabilities of general aviation vis-à-vis commercial air transport operations.
2. Require cost-benefit analyses for all proposed standards, segmented by class of aviation activity, especially for those operations other than commercial air transport.
3. Promotion among States of the principle that one-size does not fit all regarding their regulation of both general aviation and commercial air transport operations.
4. Provide equitable access to airspace and aerodromes for general aviation.
5. Mandate collection of general aviation census, utilization and accident/incident statistics by both ICAO and States.

More immediate and specific requirements include:

1. Development of uniform standards for establishment and use of airspace classes.
2. Determine that emerging communications, navigation and surveillance (CNS) equipment requirements are essential, appropriate and financially feasible for general aviation operations.
3. Reduction of the language proficiency requirements for pilots operating under VFR outside Class A, B and C airspace.
4. Accept aeroplanes not holding State certified type certificates, with a MGTOM of less than 750 kg., for international use.
5. Require certification for only international aerodromes serving commercial air transport operations. Additionally, define the concept of "public use aerodromes."

The International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations (IAOPA) represents the interests of AOPA affiliates in 69 countries of the world, comprising more than 450,000 general aviation and aerial work pilots and aircraft operators. The Council was formed in 1962 to provide a voice for general aviation in world aviation forums. General aviation encompasses four-fifths of all civil aircraft and two-thirds of all pilots worldwide. For more information, visit www.iaopa.org.

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