

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION

The purpose of the Convention, signed by representatives of 52 nations in Chicago, December 7, 1944, is best set forth in the Preamble:

- "WHEREAS the future development of international civil aviation can greatly help to create and preserve friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world, yet its abuse can become a threat to the general security; and
- "WHEREAS it is desirable to avoid friction and to promote that cooperation between nations and peoples upon which the peace of the world depends;

"THEREFORE, the undersigned governments having agreed on certain principles and arrangements in order that international civil aviation may be developed in a safe and orderly manner and that international air transport services may be established on the basis of equality of opportunity and operated soundly and economically;

"Have accordingly concluded this Convention to that end."

The permanent body charged with the administration of these principles is the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF ICAO

These are to develop the principles and techniques of international air navigation and to foster the planning and development of international air transport so as to:

- ensure the safe and orderly growth of international civil aviation throughout the world.
- encourage the arts of aircraft design and operation for peaceful purposes.
- encourage the development of airways, airports and air navigation facilities for international civil aviation.
- meet the needs of the peoples of the world for safe, regular, efficient and economical air transport.
- prevent economic waste caused by unreasonable competition.
- ensure that the rights of Contracting States are fully respected and that every Contracting State has a fair opportunity to operate international airlines.
- avoid discrimination between Contracting States.
- promote safety of flight in international air navigation.
- promote generally the development of all aspects of international civil aeronautics. ➔

