

Flight Limits

The time that the aircrew could effectively operate could be determined by the rules and regulations as adopted by the air survey industry. In general, aircrew members are restricted to 120 hours of air time per 30 day period, 300 hours of air time per 90 day period or 1,200 hours total air time per year. Crew members normally operate on a 15 hour duty day with a 24 hour rest day provided if a duty day is exceeded. The United Nations on-board observers/sensor operators would fall into this category and be considered as air crew.

Mission Scenario

In order to illustrate how airborne remote sensing could be incorporated into United Nations peacekeeping operations a hypothetical mission scenario is outlined below. The most recent United Nations peacekeeping observer force ONUCA in Central America will be used for illustrative purposes as the location for this sample mission scenario. The scenario outlined assumes that the missions in question are responding to specific information requests. It is also probable that missions would be flown on a routine basis to provide regular updates to the United Nations peacekeeping command's database.

Information Request Scenario

Tegucigalpa, Honduras. HQ ONUCA 14:30 hrs local time.
There have been reports by observers from one of the ONUCA verification centres that a number of unidentified boats were entering the Gulf of Fonseca. Their final destination and purpose are questionable. More information on this irregular activity was requested.