

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN WEATHER STATIONS*

Done in London, September 25, 1946

The Governments of BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, IRELAND, the NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, SWEDEN, the UNITED KINGDOM and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, being Member States of the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization") and being desirous to provide the North Atlantic region with adequate air navigation facilities for safe, regular and economic air services in accordance with the general aims and objectives of the Organization, HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1

1. Ocean weather stations shall be operated and maintained at appropriate locations in the North Atlantic region as hereinafter provided, beginning not later than July 1st, 1947.

2. Each signatory Government shall use its best endeavours to commence the operation of the ocean weather stations as soon as possible before that date.

Article 2

1. The locations of the ocean weather stations shall be initially as specified in ANNEX I hereof. The location of any ocean weather station may be changed, by the Council of the Organization, with the consent of the Government or Governments responsible for that station.

2. The services to be performed by the ocean weather stations shall be as specified in ANNEX I hereof and shall be carried out by Governments and groups of Governments as herein provided. The Organization shall co-ordinate the general program of the operation of the stations. It shall keep the International Meteorological Organization advised of any action taken by it in connection with each co-ordination and shall invite the International Meteorological Organization to send representatives to participate in any meetings called for the purpose of accomplishing such co-ordination.

3. The terms of ANNEX I may be amended by the Council of the Organization, with the consent of any Government whose financial or operating obligations would be directly affected thereby; and the Council may provide for any such amendment to come into effect for the several stations progressively, as its terms are accepted by the Governments responsible for each station in turn.

4. The applicable standards, recommended practices, procedures and specifications of services approved by the Council of the Organization shall be observed in the operation of the ocean weather stations. The manner of making meteorological observations and of collecting reports and transmitting them, to main meteorological offices or forecasting centres, shall be in accordance with the appropriate procedures and specifications promulgated by the International Meteorological Organization.

5. The signatory Governments shall supply such information to the Council of the Organization, upon its request, as may be necessary for the fulfilment of the purposes of this Agreement.

*On July 21, 1947, Canada notified the International Civil Aviation Organization of its acceptance of the Agreement.