



ICAO presents inaugural Council President Certificates to 14 States for exemplary commitments and progress on aviation safety

ICAO HQ Montréal, 28 September 2016 – During the opening ceremonies of its 39th Assembly today, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) presented 14 States from all ICAO regions with inaugural Council President Certificates.

The Certificates recognize the States' significant progress in resolving safety oversight deficiencies and improving the effective implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices, as identified through the objective and transparent 2015 results determined through ICAO's Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme.

Based on their achievements in 2015, the following 14 States were recognized by the ICAO Council at this year's ceremony:

- 1) Austria
- 2) Botswana
- 3) Cameroon
- 4) Ecuador
- 5) El Salvador
- 6) Israel
- 7) Italy
- 8) Lao People's Democratic Republic
- 9) Latvia
- 10) Madagascar
- 11) Mali
- 12) Niger
- 13) San Marino
- 14) United Arab Emirates

"These awards, established by the ICAO Council in support of our ongoing *No Country Left Behind* initiative, have been developed in order to more publicly acknowledge and encourage States' commitments and progress in making our global network even safer than it is today," commented Council President Aliu.

The effective implementation of ICAO's global Standards and Recommended Practices is considered a fundamental prerequisite today for establishing air transport's rapid global connectivity, and in turn the many socio-economic benefits it helps to realize.



During the opening ceremonies of ICAO's 39th Assembly, States representing all ICAO Regions received inaugural Council President Certificates in recognition of significant progress in resolving safety oversight deficiencies and improving the effective implementation of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices.

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About ICAO

A specialized agency of the United Nations, ICAO was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency, capacity and environmental protection, amongst many other priorities. The Organization serves as the forum for cooperation in all fields of civil aviation among its 191 Member States.

[The ICAO No Country Left Behind initiative](#)

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