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**Subject:** Assembly Resolution A38-8 – *Proficiency in the English language used for radiotelephony communications*

**Action Required:** a) Note that States may discontinue transmission of implementation plans regarding language proficiency requirements; b) Consider the use of the ICAO aviation English language test service and rated speech sample training aid

Sir/Madam,

1. I have the honour to inform you that at the 38th Session of the ICAO Assembly held in Montréal from 24 September to 4 October 2013, Resolution A38-8 – *Proficiency in the English language used for radiotelephony communications* has been adopted. This resolution supersedes Resolution A37-10 on the same topic.

2. With the adoption of this new resolution, it is recognized that States have made significant progress in implementing the English language provisions since their adoption in 2003. The flexibility clause relative to States that were not compliant with the language provisions by 5 March 2011 has therefore been removed. Consequently, States may discontinue transmitting to ICAO their implementation plans for the language proficiency requirements.

3. ICAO will continue to monitor the implementation of the language proficiency requirements through the protocol questions of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA), and make available implementation information on the ICAO website. This will provide the necessary tool to continuously monitor the status of compliance of the language proficiency requirements.

4. The Organization will continue to support States and industry in the implementation of the language proficiency requirements. To this end, I would invite you to make use of the ICAO aviation English language test service and the rated speech sample training aid. For more information on these tools, as well as on the ICAO language proficiency requirements, please consult our website at <http://www.icao.int/safety/lpr/Pages/Language-Proficiency-Requirements.aspx>.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Secretary General