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**Subject:** 37th Session of the Assembly – Resolution  
A37-10: Proficiency in the English language used for  
radiotelephony communications

**Action required:** States to transmit to ICAO their updated  
implementation plans

Sir/Madam,

1. I wish to draw your attention to Resolution A37-10 – *Proficiency in the English language used for radiotelephony communications*, available on the ICAO website at [www.icao.int/Assembly37/docs](http://www.icao.int/Assembly37/docs), which was adopted by the 37th Session of the Assembly. The resolution calls for two major actions:

- a) Contracting States that will not comply with the language proficiency requirement by 5 March 2011 should send to ICAO their implementation plan before that date. These plans should be updated on a regular basis after March 2011 until full compliance is reached. States that review these plans are urged to make operational decisions that do not discriminate or create unfair economic advantages; and
  - b) ICAO will verify the implementation plans submitted by States to ensure they are complete and include timelines with identifiable milestones, and will use the Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) to collect data.
2. In order to help you in updating your English Language Proficiency Plan, additional information is available in the Attachment as well on the ICAO website at [www.icao.int/fsix/lp](http://www.icao.int/fsix/lp).

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

  
Raymond Benjamin  
Secretary General

**Enclosure:**

Additional information on Assembly Resolution A37-10

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING SEVERAL  
CLAUSES OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A37/10**

1. The following explanations are offered on resolving clauses 7, 8 and 9.

7. *Urges* Contracting States not yet fully compliant on 5 March 2011 to continue to provide ICAO with regularly updated implementation plans including progress achieved in meeting their timelines for full compliance;

If you are a State that will not comply with the language proficiency requirement by 5 March 2011, the resolution urges you to update and send to ICAO your implementation plan before that date. It also urges you to update your plan on a regular basis after March 2011 until you reach full compliance. In your plan, please tell us when and how you will fully comply with the language proficiency requirement, and in the interim, how you will reduce the risks that come from non-compliance.

8. *Urges* Contracting States after 5 March 2011 to take a flexible approach towards States that do not yet meet the Language Proficiency Requirements, yet are making progress as evidenced in their implementation plans. Decisions concerning operations should be made on a non-discriminatory basis and not be made for the purpose of gaining economic advantage;

If you are a State reviewing the plans of other States, the resolution urges you to make operational decisions that do not discriminate or create unfair economic advantages.

9. *Directs* the Council to monitor the status of implementation of the Language Proficiency Requirements and take necessary actions to advance safety and maintain the regularity of international civil aviation;

ICAO will verify the implementation plans submitted by States to ensure they are complete and include timelines with identifiable milestones.

ICAO will collect data through the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme under the Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA).

2. ICAO has also developed revised guidelines to help you update your English Language Proficiency Plan: <http://www.icao.int/fsix/lp/docs/Guidelines.pdf>. By February 2011, ICAO will upgrade the Flight Safety Information Exchange (FSIX) website so that all stakeholders can be aware of the global status of implementation of the language proficiency requirements.

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