

## **A38-8: Proficiency in the English language used for radiotelephony communications**

*Whereas* to prevent accidents, ICAO introduced language provisions to ensure that air traffic personnel and pilots are proficient in conducting and comprehending radiotelephony communications in the English language, including requirements that the English language shall be available on request at all stations on the ground serving designated airports and routes used by international air services;

*Recognizing* that the language provisions reinforce the requirement to use ICAO standardized phraseology in all situations for which it has been specified;

*Recognizing* that Member States have made substantial efforts to comply with the language proficiency requirements;

*Recognizing* that some Member States encounter considerable difficulties in implementing the language proficiency requirements including the establishment of language training and testing capabilities;

*Whereas* in accordance with Article 38 of the Convention any Member State which finds it impracticable to comply in all respects with any international standard or procedure is obliged to give immediate notification to ICAO;

*Whereas* in accordance with Article 39 b) of the Convention any person holding a licence not satisfying in full the conditions laid down in the international standard relating to the class of licence or certificate held, shall have endorsed on or attached to the licence all the particulars in which this person does not satisfy such conditions; and

*Whereas* pursuant to Article 40 of the Convention no personnel having certificates or licences so endorsed shall participate in international navigation, except with the permission of the State or States whose territory is entered;

*The Assembly:*

1. *Urges* Member States to use ICAO standardized phraseology in all situations for which it has been specified;
2. *Directs* the Council to continue to support Member States in their implementation of the language proficiency requirements;
3. *Encourages* Member States to make use of the ICAO Aviation English Language Test Service (AELTS) to verify language testing instruments;
4. *Urges* Member States to make use of the ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements - Rated Speech Samples training aid;
5. *Urges* Member States to assist each other in their implementation of the language proficiency requirements; and
6. *Declares* that this resolution supersedes Resolution A37-10.