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UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS
JOINS ICAO AS THE 120TH MEMBER STATE

MONTREAL, November 1970 -- The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics gave notice of its adherence to the Convention on International Civil Aviation on 15 October and thus becomes an ICAO Contracting State as of 14 November.

Aeroflot, the Soviet civil aviation organization, has 500,000 kilometres of air routes and presently serves 3,500 cities. In the USSR itself, Aeroflot has a network of 2,500 airlines. It is estimated that in 1970 Aeroflot will have served 80 million passengers, delivered 350,000 tons of mail and 2 1/2 million tons of air cargo. At present, Aeroflot is responsible for an estimated 25 per cent of the world's air transportation.*

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) was established in 1944 to assure the safe and orderly development of civil aviation and to promote worldwide co-operation among nations for the benefit of international air transportation. ICAO has its headquarters in Montreal and maintains six regional offices around the world.

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* Source: Aeroflot

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