

# Harmonization Process Appendix

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Next Generation Air Transportation System  
Joint Planning and Development Office

NextGen

## **Executive Summary**

In 2003, Congress created the Joint Planning and Development Office (JPDO) to facilitate and coordinate the interagency planning, development, and implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen). The JPDO is comprised of eight partner departments and agencies, which include the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, Transportation, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Within the JPDO, the Global Harmonization Working Group has developed this appendix to document the process for coordinating issues or concerns regarding international aviation matters (i.e., standards, policies, and procedures). According to the U.S. Presidential Executive Order 11382—Amendment of Executive Orders Relating to Functions of the Department of Transportation, the Interagency Group on International Aviation (IGIA) was established to coordinate U.S. Government recommendations on international aviation policy matters affecting two or more agencies. In achieving NextGen, the JPDO will adhere to the processes and procedures as detailed in this appendix.

## Interagency Group on International Aviation (IGIA)

### What:

According to the U.S. Aviation Policy, Executive Order 11382, the Interagency Group on International Aviation (IGIA) was originally established by Interagency Agreement in 1960 at the direction of the President. The IGIA is responsible for providing coordinated recommendations on international aviation matters to the Department of State (DOS). The IGIA process ensures coordination and approval of U.S. policy, position, and working papers that are relative to international aviation, and specifically, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) international standards. All U.S. Government agencies are obligated to follow IGIA recommendations and processes.

Currently, administrative support is furnished by the Department of Transportation (DOT) through the IGIA Secretariat, located in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of International Aviation.

### For:

- Working papers at international meetings, forums, and conferences
- U.S. policy positions for direction at international aviation meetings
- Amendments to ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)
- Amendments to ICAO Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS)

### Who:

IGIA is comprised of members from the U.S Government on a full and ad hoc basis:

#### **Full IGIA Members:**

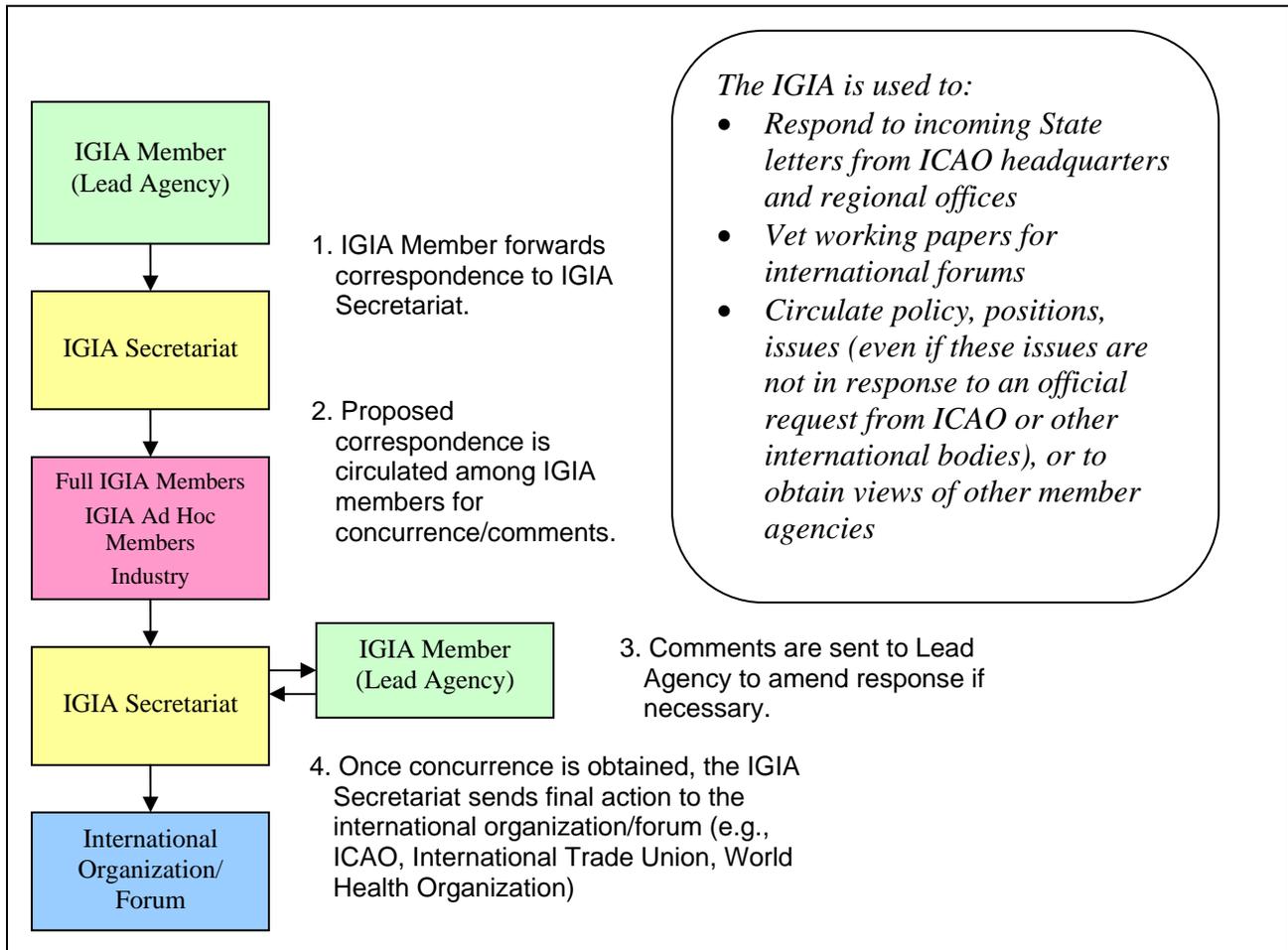
- Department of State (DOS)
- Department of Defense (DOD)
- Department of Commerce (DOC)
- Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)

#### **Ad Hoc Members:**

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Department of the Interior (DOI)

Industry members are copied for informational purposes and voluntary response.

**How:**



**Figure 1:** The IGIA Process