

Interim Assembly chose Montreal, Canada, as the permanent site of ICAO's headquarters.

The Interim Assembly authorized the Interim Council to enter into negotiations with the United Nations with a view to concluding an agreement defining the relationship between the two organizations. Accordingly, an agreement between the United Nations and ICAO was drawn up by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations and a negotiating delegation of PICA0. On October 3, 1946, the agreement was recommended by the Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly of the United Nations for approval. The General Assembly, on December 14, approved the agreement with ICAO provided that "that Organization complies with any decision of the General Assembly regarding Franco Spain." In its resolution condemning the Franco regime, the General Assembly had recommended, among other matters, "that the Franco Government of Spain be debarred from membership in international agencies established by or brought into relationship with the United Nations." The agreement, as approved by the General Assembly, was recommended for approval by the Interim Council to the first session of the ICAO Assembly when the permanent Organization came into being.

During its 20 months of existence, PICA0 brought about concerted action by the nations of the world in the organization and maintenance of facilities and services necessary for international air transport. Patterns for meteorological services, traffic control, communications, radio beacons, and the other facilities required for safe international flight were evolved through the co-operative action of PICA0 and its member States.

In addition to the regional air navigation meeting in the North Atlantic, the following regional meetings have been held :

| Region | Location | Date |
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| European-Mediterranean | Paris | April 24—May 15, 1946 |
| Caribbean | Washington, D.C. | August 26—September 13, 1946 |
| Middle East | Cairo | October 1-18, 1946 |
| South Pacific | Melbourne | February 4-22, 1947 |
| South American | Lima | June 17, 1947 |
| South Atlantic | Rio de Janeiro | July 15, 1947 |

As a result of these meetings, the Organization undertook the compilation of regional route manuals, and recommended measures to correct deficiencies in air navigation facilities and services. Two further general regional air navigation

An example of the assistance rendered by PICA0 is the provision of air navigation facilities in the North Atlantic region. A North Atlantic regional air navigation meeting, held in Dublin from March 4 to 27, 1946, had recommended that a network of ocean weather stations be set up as an aid to safe and economic air operations over the North Atlantic. This meeting was followed by a conference of delegates from all the North Atlantic States held in London from September 17 to 25, 1946. The conference resulted in the conclusion of an agreement for the establishment of thirteen ocean weather stations at the positions recommended by the Meteorological Committee of the North Atlantic Regional Air Navigation Meeting. According to this agreement, these stations are to be maintained as follows: United States, 7; United Kingdom, 2; United States and Canada, jointly, 1; France, 1; Belgium and the Netherlands, jointly, 1; Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom, jointly, 1. The Governments of Ireland and Portugal will make annual monetary contributions towards the support of the stations. Another major aid to trans-oceanic flying established by the joint effort of member States is a Loran (long range navigation aid) station located at Vik, Iceland. Iceland signed the agreement to operate this station on May 14, 1947, and agreed to co-operate in financing the operations with five other States—Canada, France, Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the United States—which had previously signed the agreement. The agreement establishing this project, by PICA0 technical committees, was concluded after the permanent Organization came into being.

meetings are projected for 1948: one for South East Asia, to be held in India, and one for the North Pacific, to be held in China.

Other regional meetings of a more limited character, such as the special European-Medi-