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Aviation Conventions and Protocols Binding On Somalia

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International Civil Aviation Instruments Applicable to Somalia

Somalia, as a Contracting State to the Convention on International Civil Aviation since March 1964, is bound by the principal framework of international civil aviation law administered by the International Civil Aviation Organization. Through accession and ratification of a number of international aviation treaties and related protocols.

These instruments collectively establish the legal architecture governing civil aviation operations, safety oversight, air navigation, and aviation security. In addition to treaty commitments, Somalia is required to implement the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) contained in the nineteen ICAO Annexes through its domestic aviation regulatory framework.

1. Core Civil Aviation Conventions

No.	Convention	Year	Notes
1	Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention)	1944	Somalia acceded on 2 March 1964
2	International Air Services Transit Agreement	1944	Somalia acceded on 10 June 1964
3	Tokyo Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft	1963	Establishes jurisdiction over offences committed on board aircraft
4	Hague Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft	1970	Criminalizes aircraft hijacking
5	Montreal Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation	1971	Criminalizes acts threatening aviation safety
6	Beijing Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation	2010	Addresses modern aviation terrorism threats

2. Protocols

No.	Protocol	Year	Purpose
1	Protocol of 2014 amending the Tokyo Convention	2014	Expands jurisdiction and enforcement of in-flight offences
2	Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation	1988	Extends Montreal Convention protections to airports
3	Beijing Protocol Supplementary to the Hague Convention	2010	Updates legal framework on aircraft hijacking offences

3. Amendments to the Chicago Convention

No.	Amendment Protocol	Subject
1	Protocol relating to Article 93 bis	ICAO membership provisions
2	Protocol relating to Article 45	ICAO institutional arrangements
3	Protocol relating to Articles 48(a), 49(e) and 61	ICAO Assembly procedures
4	Protocol relating to Article 50(a) (Montreal amendment)	Expansion of ICAO Council membership
5	Protocol relating to Article 48(a) (Rome amendment)	Assembly procedural modifications
6	Protocol relating to Article 83 bis	Transfer of aircraft operational oversight responsibilities between States
7	Protocol relating to Article 50(a) (2016 amendment)	Further expansion of ICAO Council membership
8	Protocol relating to Article 56 (2016 amendment)	Expansion of Air Navigation Commission membership