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Subject: Transition to True North Navigation

Dear Member Associations,

I write to seek your assistance in surveying the global business aviation community on an important initiative at ICAO examining a transition to true north navigation. You may recall Claude Hurley briefing on this topic to the Governing Board yesterday.

Much of the current air navigation system still relies on magnetic north, but technologies like GNSS and inertial systems allow for true north navigation, which is already favored in some high-latitude regions. One of the challenges with the current system is that magnetic variation changes over time, requiring regular updates to databases, charts, navigation aids, and even runway numbers. Advocates for a transition to true north claim that this change could simplify operations, reduce costs, and improve accuracy.

With most States expressing support for this transition, the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has set up a group to provide recommendations on what the challenges of such a transition might look like, and how best to accomplish it. IBAC, as business aviation's accredited voice at ICAO, has been invited to participate in this work.

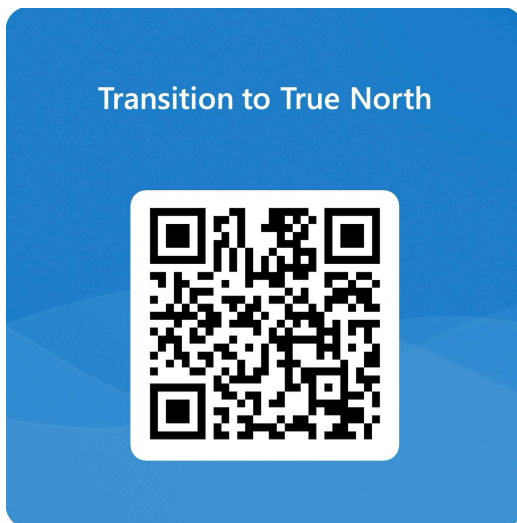
IBAC intend to brief this ICAO group about business aviation's readiness, concerns, or comments about a planned transition in international civil aviation from a system largely based on magnetic north to one based on true north.

With that in mind, IBAC has drafted a quick (~ 10 minutes) survey for our community to gather their thoughts on this planned transition to True North. We ask that you distribute to your membership this note and the below link to and QR code for the survey.

All individual responses will be anonymous. IBAC's planned briefing to ICAO's True North Advisor Group will mostly highlight statistical trends in the survey responses, with the goal to best advocate on your behalf at the ICAO True North Advisory Group.

The link to IBAC's web-based survey is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/BKXn3xtJZ1>

There's also a QR code for those who prefer that, such as if doing the survey on mobile devices:



Many thanks in advance for sharing this with your membership. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Claude Hurley, Director, Environment and Flight Operations, IBAC, at churley@ibac.org.

Best regards,

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