

International Loran Association

(formerly the Wild Goose Association)

23rd Annual Convention and Technical Symposium

The theme of the 23rd Annual Convention and Technical Symposium held in Newport, Rhode Island, USA on November 1-3, 1994 was "The Role of Loran in a Global Navigation World". After considering the presentations, panel debate and informal discussions that took place, the Association adopted the following Resolution:

Resolution

Recognizing:

1. That the United States Department of Defense is withdrawing its overseas Loran-C commitments effective December 31, 1994; and
2. The United States Department of Transportation and the United States Coast Guard are considering the cessation of Loran-C operation in the USA, under budgetary pressure to reduce expenditure;

And noting:

1. That with the encouragement of the United States, other international administrations have assumed responsibility for maintaining and increasing Loran-C/Chayka coverage worldwide,
2. That many administrations have, or are developing radionavigation plans which include Loran-C and Chayka in their radionavigation mix of systems; and
3. That the Loran-C system is cost effective when used either as a stand-alone system, or in conjunction with satellite systems, while providing many other benefits;

Bearing in mind:

1. That there are in excess of one million Loran-C users in the aviation, marine and land navigation communities, and
2. That Loran-C is employed in critical timing and synchronization applications and is the backbone of timing for many telecommunication networks within the United States;

Resolves:

1. That the United States Department of Transportation be urged to endorse a policy for providing a mix of dissimilar wide-area terrestrial and satellite positioning systems, and
2. That Loran-C operation be continued as the major component of this mix.

Recommends:

That this resolution be brought to the attention of the Department of Transportation, Assistant Secretary for Radionavigation Plans and distributed to administrations worldwide which are responsible for radionavigation plans, policy and implementation.