

IGC ANDS Committee

Regarding the proposal to remove the need for periodical calibration of Flight Recorders

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At the 2022 IGC Plenary, Delegates will be asked to vote on a joint proposal from Denmark and France to eliminate periodical calibrations of Flight Recorders.

The argument presented in the proposal is that certain rules and procedures can be simplified if it can be shown that the pressure measurement systems in FRs do not drift with time.

Opponents of the proposal have presented both technical and policy arguments intended to convince the Delegates to vote against the proposal.

ANDS is a technical committee that advises IGC on technical matters in the areas of electronic equipment, airspace regulations, GNSS, navigation, physics, mathematics, algorithms, etc. ANDS does not take positions on matters of policy.

There is only one technical question here. The pressure measurement systems in Flight Recorders either drift or they don't. ANDS does not know the answer to this question, and even if we did, we do not have a position on how the answer might affect the rules.

We look forward to hearing the arguments for and against the proposal. Our advice to the Delegates is to consider the evidence presented, weigh the potential consequences to our rules and procedures, and to choose the best policy for our Sport.