



**International Loran Association
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Resolution

Future Mix of Systems for Positioning, Navigation and Timing

Recognizing that total dependence on spaceborne systems for Positioning, Navigation and Timing introduces unacceptable risks to the safety of life, national security and economic stability;

Recognizing that an appropriate combination of space and terrestrial radionavigation systems can provide greater services and benefits than either system alone;

Noting that the European Union, the United States of America, other national governments and international institutions are currently engaged in determining the future mix of systems for Positioning, Navigation and Timing;

Noting also that in the United States of America the current policy to transition to, and become solely dependent on, GPS for Positioning, Navigation and Timing is being reviewed;

Noting that legislation passed by the United States Congress has directed the United States Department of Transportation to upgrade and maintain the loran system;

Noting that the United States Department of Transportation has made the decision to extend the operation of loran beyond the year 2000 and that the official announcement of the extension of loran operation is pending;

Therefore, the International Loran Association, at its 27th annual Convention and Technical Symposium October 11-15, 1998 at Danvers, Massachusetts:

1. **Reaffirms** its determination to use all means necessary to assure a global mix of terrestrial and spaceborne systems for Positioning, Navigation and Timing.
2. **Pledges** to support and cooperate with national governments, regional and international organizations, and the Positioning, Navigation and Timing user community to seek necessary legislation, policies and funding for loran as part of the radionavigation system mix.
3. **Recommends** that the United States Department of Transportation announce, without further delay, the continuation of loran service.
4. **Resolves** to ensure that United States Congressional mandates are fulfilled and to cooperate with federal agencies in upgrading the loran service.
5. **Invites** the European Union, national governments and international institutions to take account of the change in the radionavigation policy of the United States.