



**Seventh Meeting of the
International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG)**

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Ninth meeting of the Providers' Forum, 6 November 2012

**Statement
of the Providers' Forum concerning the
International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems**

The International Committee on Global Navigation Satellite Systems (ICG) was established in 2005 and has steadily developed into an important platform for the system providers, the user communities, observers and interested United Nations member states to exchange views and information concerning the field of satellite navigation. The ICG has taken a leading role internationally to promote collaboration in the utilization of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) services for a range of commercial, scientific and technological applications. Specific areas of interest to the ICG and its Working Groups include compatibility and interoperability, service performance and service performance enhancement, timing and geodetic reference frames, education and training, and global applications.

The Providers' Forum was established in 2007 at the second meeting of the ICG. Since then, each of the six current and future system providers has hosted the ICG, achieving an important milestone in demonstrating the commitment of the Providers to the goals and objectives of the ICG. This commitment serves as a foundation to enhance collaboration and to increase global awareness of GNSS.

During its series of meetings, and in particular, in its Ninth meeting held in conjunction with ICG-7, Beijing, 4 – 9 November, 2012, the Providers' Forum considers user recommendations, works cooperatively to enable better service, supports the protection of radio-navigation satellite services (RNSS) spectrum, considers activities that promote GNSS awareness and education, and considers proposals to enhance service performance, and performance monitoring and assessment.

The Providers' Forum promotes compatibility and interoperability among current and future global and regional space-based systems by exchanging detailed information about planned or operating systems and the policies and procedures that govern their service provision. More importantly, the Providers' Forum is a mechanism to continue discussions on important issues addressed by the ICG that require focused inputs from system providers.

In its Ninth meeting, the Providers' Forum considered the future role of the ICG and agreed to keep it on its agenda.