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Michael Gill is a UK and French national. In September 2021, he was appointed as Director, Legal Affairs & External Relations Bureau at ICAO, the organisation's senior legal official. The Bureau advises the ICAO Secretary General and Council on constitutional, administrative and procedural matters, as well as substantive international and air law issues. It also coordinates ICAO's relations with states, other UN organisations and international bodies and provides policy advice on political developments affecting ICAO's work. The Director serves as the Secretary to relevant bodies of ICAO's triennial Assembly and Legal Committee.

From 2013 until his appointment to ICAO, Michael Gill served in the dual roles of Director, Aviation Environment at the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Executive Director of the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG) in Geneva. From 2007-2013, he was Senior Legal Counsel in IATA, supporting its external affairs portfolio. Before joining IATA, Michael was an aviation lawyer in private practice in London and Paris, acting for airlines and their insurers.

He holds law degrees from King's College, London and the Sorbonne University in Paris, as well as a Master's degree from the University of Edinburgh. He is admitted as a Solicitor in England & Wales and as an *Avocat* in France.

Michael is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society and former Chairman of its Air Law Group and a Committee member of the European Air Law Association. He has been a contributing editor of *Shawcross & Beaumont on Air Law* since 2011.