Ms. Maria Cristina Liliana Ioniţă was appointed the Representative of Romania on the ICAO Council on 11 August 2023.

Ms. Ioniţă has over 25 years of extensive experience in the civil aviation field and held various leadership positions in aviation domains such as: air operations, aerodromes, and in the last 10 years, regulations and oversight of the Air Navigation Service Provider in Romania in the Romanian Aeronautical Authority. She is also knowledgeable in safety management, air transport policies and statistics of the Air Navigation Services performance and charging scheme in the Single European Sky.

Ms. Ioniţă has represented Romania in several Working Groups and was part of the Romanian delegation at many bilateral and multilateral meetings and negotiations at the International and European levels. She was the Manager and the Focal Point on different aviation subjects in relation to ICAO, European Commission, EUROCONTROL, EASA and Performance Review Body of the European Commission. Over the years, she has also collaborated with International associations like IATA and International telecommunication companies like SITA.

Ms. Ioniţă holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in aviation (1991 -1997) from the Faculty of Airspace Engineering - Politechnica University of Bucharest and she also holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and European Studies (2014 - 2017) from the Faculty of Juridical, Political and Administrative sciences - Spiru Haret University of Bucharest, encompassed by several courses in aviation, audit and project management.