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Private Airline with its own fleet of cargo planes

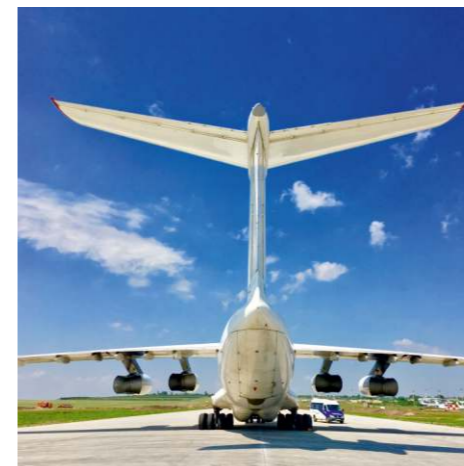
- Since 1995 on the international air cargo charter market
- 4 own Il-76TD aircraft
- Experience in organizing flights to 161 countries of the world
- Official supplier of the UN

WHO WE ARE

Aviacon Zitotrans, a Russian-based all-cargo airline, founded in 1995, operates a fleet of 4 IL-76TD aircraft.

It has performed flights to/from/via more than 800 airports in 161 countries.

IL-76 is a transport aircraft, with a pressurized cabin, capable of operating from short and unpaved runways.



Aircraft achieved an excellent reputation for its versatility and reliability in all kinds of operational conditions.

Being a highly reliable workhorse for the air cargo industry, the aircraft has flown vital cargo into the dangerous regions of the world for decades, using its rugged construction, rough-field performance and ramp-loading capabilities to great effect.



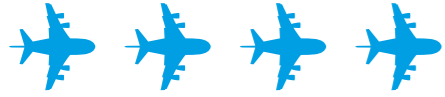
Ilyushin can do without most of the ground equipment necessary for a regular freighter.

It has a rear ramp that allows roll-on and roll-off loading of wheeled and tracked vehicles and gantry cranes that run along the ceiling of the cargo hold that allows unassisted loading and off-loading of heavy cargo.



Owning 4-one of the youngest fleet of commercial IL-76TDs out of less than 50 birds left airworthy in the charter market, Aviacon is looking forward to providing you with reliable and high-quality airlift services.

GEOGRAPHY OF FLIGHTS



Airline planes visited 161 countries of the world



Main directions airline charter cargo flights



PROFESSIONAL TEAM

Aviacon is proud of its professional team. The airline's flight and maintenance personnel, flight engineers and loadmasters are the most valuable asset of the company.

For 28 years since its foundation Aviacon's crews, operations team, on-field project managers and ground support personnel have acquired valuable and wide-ranging experience and expertise in dealing with time-sensitive airlift operations.

Aviacon's overseas operations are based upon the airline's professional ops and flight support team.

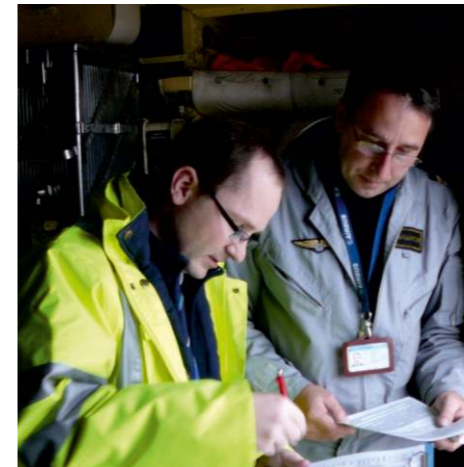


The flight support department is run and manned 24/7/365. It is capable of providing all-inclusive flight support (FPL, weather briefs, traffic rights, airport arrangements, fuel uplifts) and ensures global coverage of the company operations.

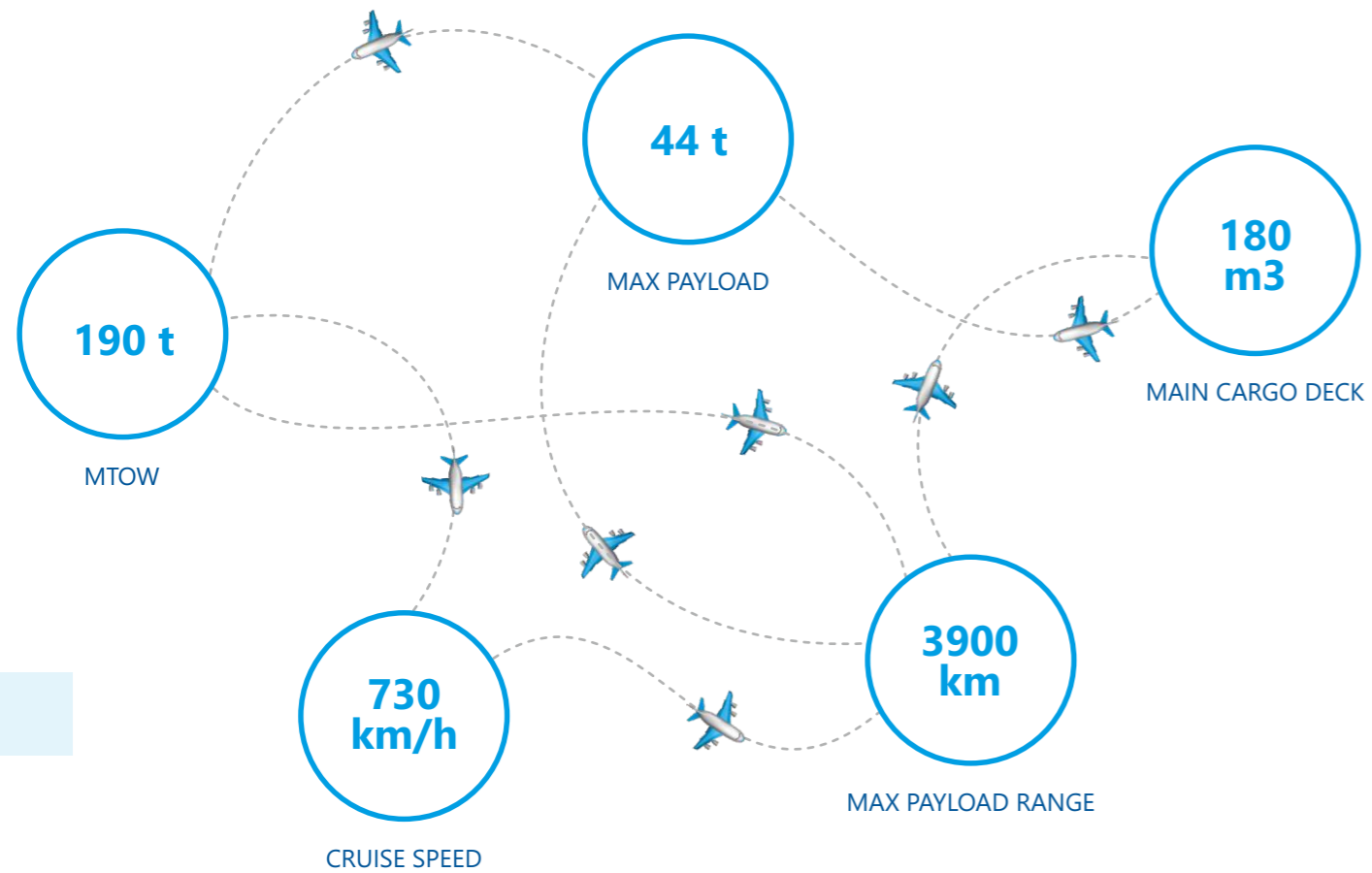
Our loadmasters' team provides clients with in-depth project studies and loadability assessment.



Our flight support team acquired considerable experience in obtaining diplomatic permits for governmental and peacekeeping operations including flights into major theatres of the UN operations, such as Sudan, South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq and Afghanistan.



IL-76 VERSATILE RAMP FREIGHTER



The cargo hold is fully-pressurized and has a titanium floor with fold-down roller conveyors; it can be quickly reconfigured by using interchangeable passenger, freight or air ambulance modules.

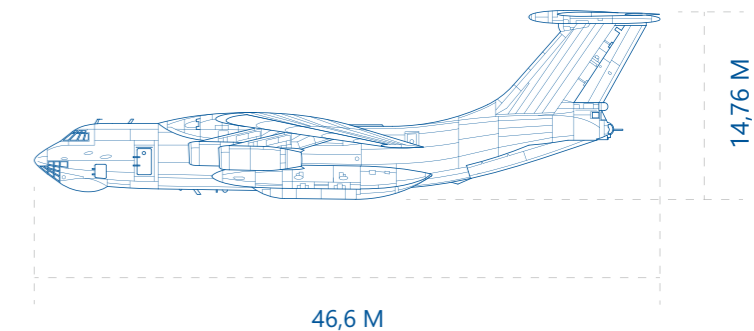
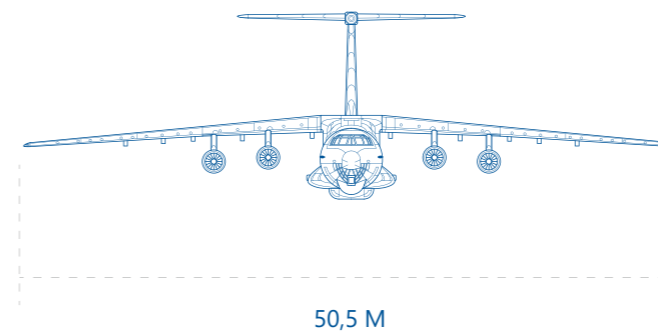
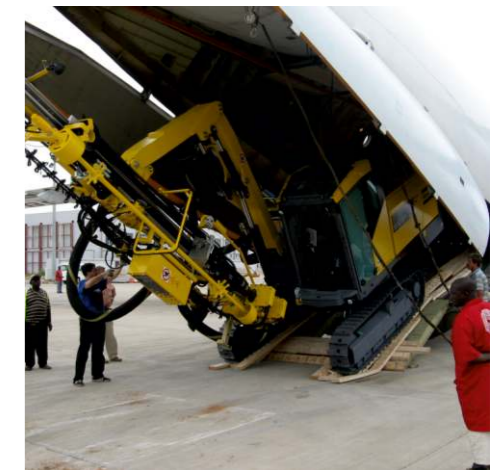
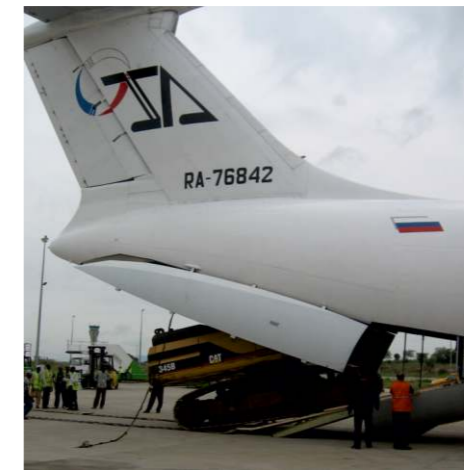
The main cargo deck is equipped with 4 overhead cranes running the full length of the cargo hold, each of which with a lifting capacity of 3,000kg, as well as two winches.

It allows roll-on and roll-off loading of wheeled and tracked vehicles and other things of that nature or simply allows manpower to load and off load cargo without the need for machinery.

A hydraulically-operated rear loading ramp itself can be used as a lift, with a capacity of up to 30,000 kg.

Thanks to the successful combination of capabilities, the aircraft provides optimal transportation solutions for oversize and high-value cargo, oil&gas, aerospace equipment, helicopters.

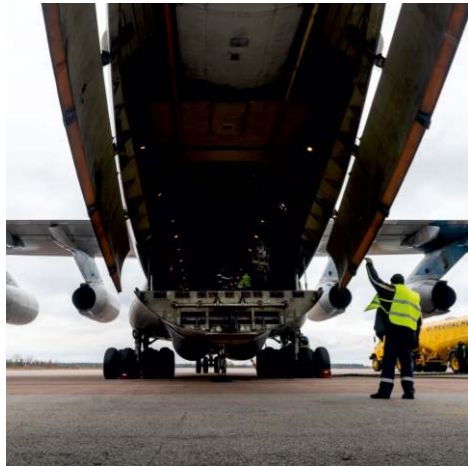
The hold is compatible with international standard sea containers and pallets.



THE STORY OF A FLIGHT

In March 2020 we performed a flight to Svalbard, also known as Spitsbergen, or Spitzbergen, a Norwegian archipelago in the Arctic Ocean with MI-8 helicopter onboard.

A chopper was going for rotation, right prior the moment when local Norwegian authorities had closed all commercial operations at the local airport in a bid to prevent the spread of the coronavirus from the mainland.

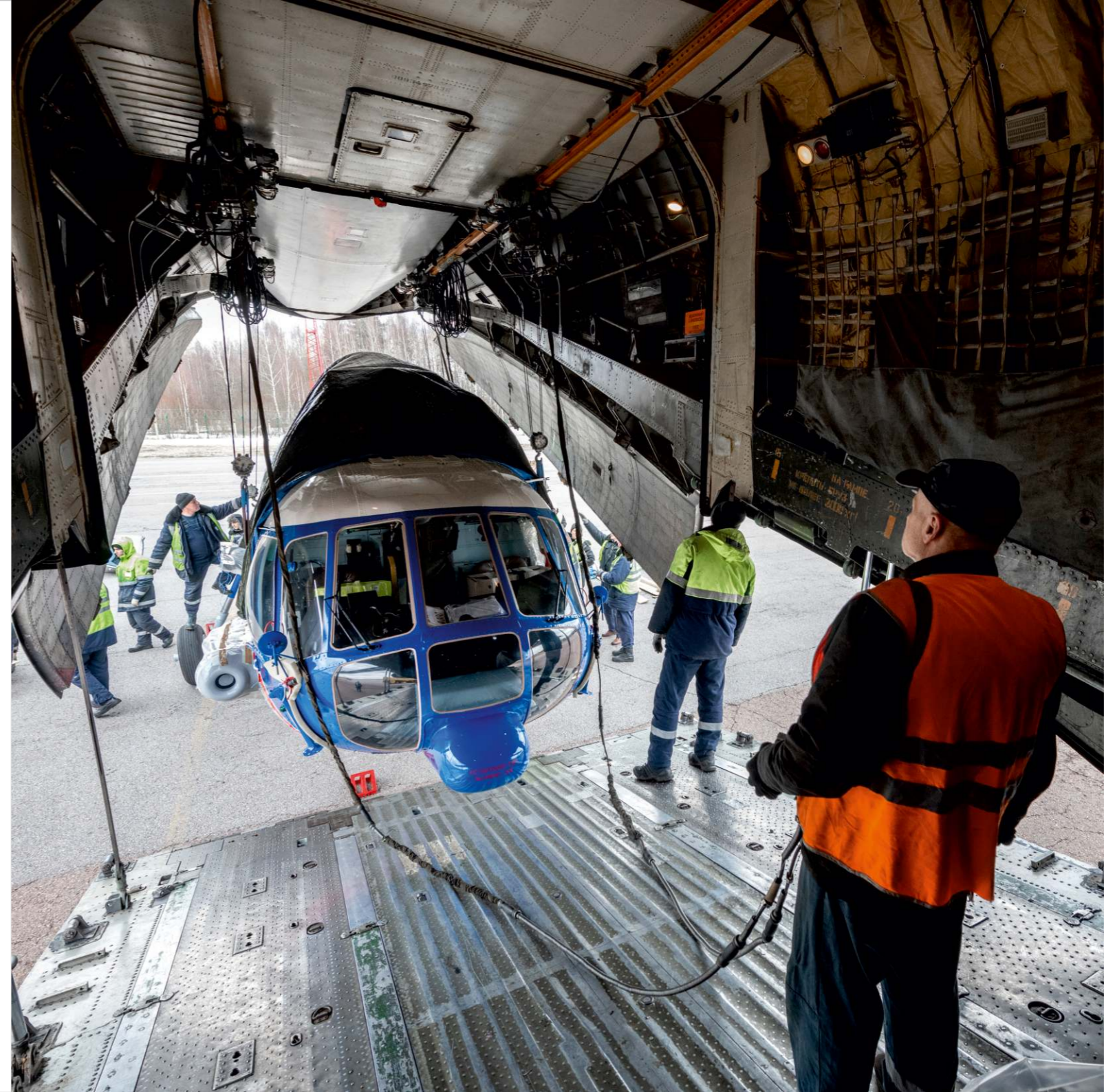


Svalbard Airport, Longyear (IATA: LYR, ICAO: ENSB; Norwegian: Svalbardlufthavn, Longyear) is the main airport serving the island. It is 5 km northwest of Longyearbyen on the west coast and is the northernmost commercial airport in the world. Although Svalbard is under Norwegian sovereignty, the Svalbard Treaty of 1920 allows citizens of signatory countries equal rights to exploit natural resources.

Russia, along with Norway, maintains mining operations on Svalbard and Barentsburg, the second-largest settlement on Svalbard, with about 470 inhabitants, almost entirely made up of ethnic Russians and Ukrainians. Barentsburg is a 'company town' with all facilities owned and maintained by Arctikugol, a Russian company which operates local coal mine. Arctikugol was owner and final user of the helicopter we brought in.

Air transport is critically important in the island, so that despite the strengthening quarantine anti-covid procedures, all necessary approvals for the flight were granted, as well as all safety and sanitary requirements of both Norwegian and Russian authorities met.

The airlift was successfully done thanks to professional and well-coordinated work of the crew and helicopter operator.



SUPPORTING PEACEKEEPING MISSIONS

In 2011-2012, 2016-2017 Aviacon's IL-76s were contracted by the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO) through the UN Procurement Division.



Aviacon fleet was positioned in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). As part of the UN fleet, it provided airlift logistic support for election campaigns in DRC in 2011 and 2016. 1,116 tonnes of election material were delivered to all major cities of the country (Gbadolite, Mbandaka, Lubumbashi, Gemena, Kananga, Kindu, etc).

In many cases, the crew and the aircraft were tasked with delivering critically sensitive materials to the regions completely cut off from roads to the aerodromes with poor or damaged local infrastructure, lack or no ground support and cargo handling equipment.

For flight programs to difficult and remote regions, we deploy specialist project managers to oversee operations from the ground.

Company loadmasters and site managers acquired valuable experience in cost-saving load planning of redeployment of the UN contingent owned equipment.



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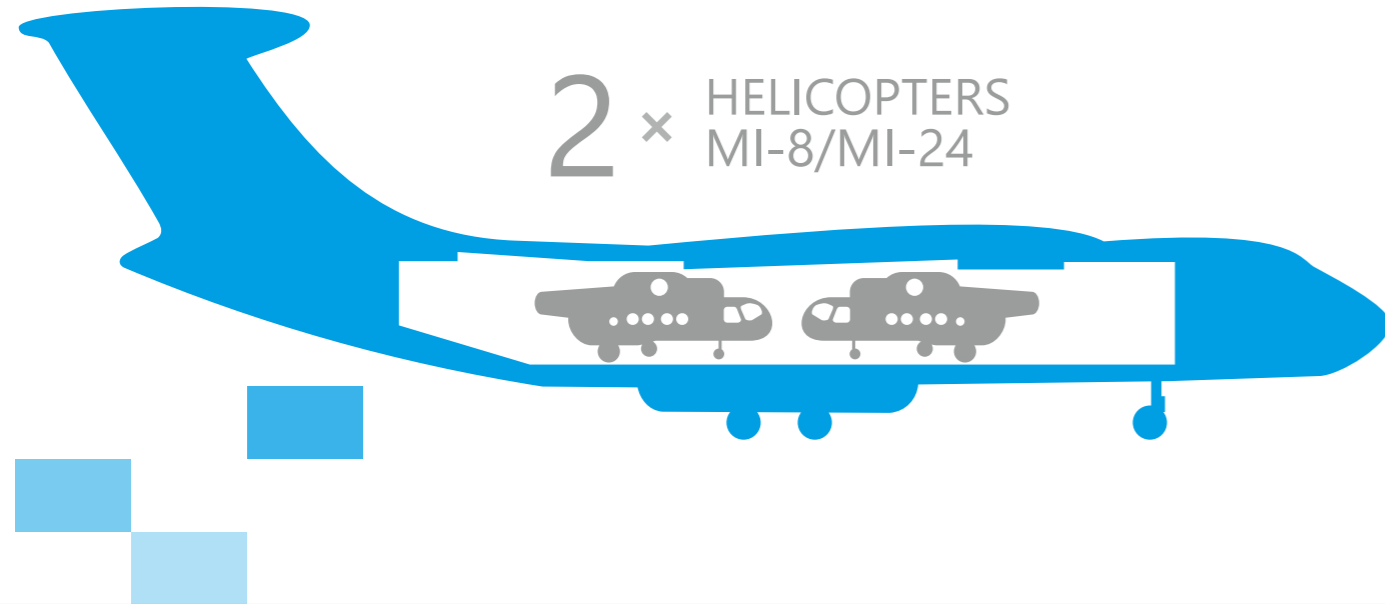


AEROSPACE

Aviacon is widely known in the professional community of helicopter operators as a reliable provider of cost-effective solutions for the redeployment of their rotorcraft.

It has become the first choice IL-76 carrier to transport medium utility helicopters operating by the helicopter companies from the former USSR (MI-8/17, Ansat, Kamov's models).

Company loadmasters had extensive experience in loading/offloading of the Bell models (-208 / 215 / 412), Eurocopter AS350 (Squirrel), SA 341 (Gazelle), Westland Lynx, SA 330 (Puma), AS 532 (Cougar), AS332 (Super Puma), T129 Atak Helicopter and other models of rotorcraft of the same class onto IL-76 cargo deck.

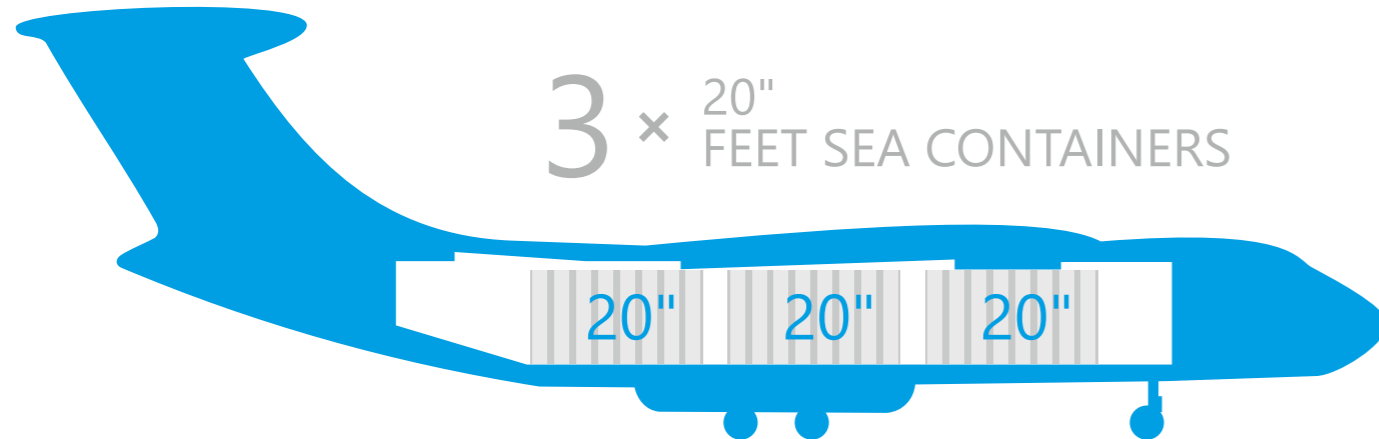


FLYING HEAVY AND OUTSIZE

Delivery of heavy and outsize pieces of cargo is one of the company's major specialization. Our company has years of proven experience in performing such flights with our qualified crew and loadmasters.

The complexity of moving unwieldy cargo as quickly and economically as possible requires collaborative partnership, attention to details, and constant communication across the supply chain. This is what stands in the focus of experienced team of our load planners based in company headquarters in Yekaterinburg, as well as our loadmasters on the spot.

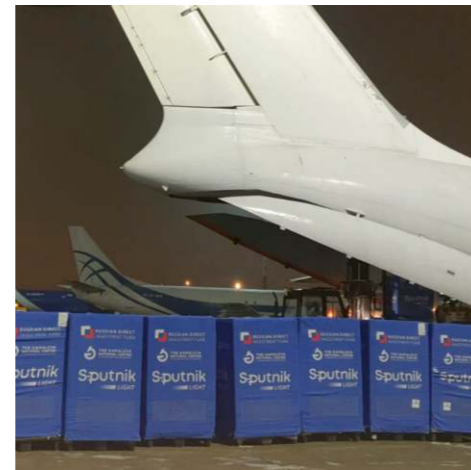
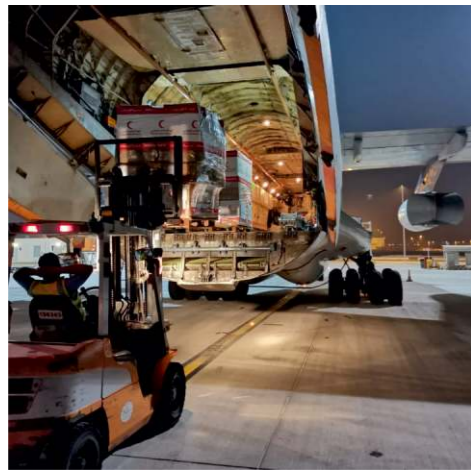
Their professional portfolio includes safe loading/offloading of heavy outsize pieces that require thorough preparation work with airport authorities, handlers, trucking companies, additional loading/offloading equipment providers, etc.



In March 2013 Aviacon airlifted heavy metal equipment from Russia to South Korea and backward to meet the short deadline to deliver a 46,2 tons rotor for urgent repair. This was the heaviest monopiece ever moved by IL-76TD aircraft.

DELIVERING HOPE AND RELIEF

Since 2001 Aviacon has been a major airlift supplier for humanitarian agencies and the UN peacekeepers providing ad-hoc charters, as well as long-term solutions for a number of UN organizations, including the World Food Programme (WFP), Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO), Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD) and the Children's Fund (UNICEF).



Over the years Aviacon has been many times involved in ad hoc and large-scale humanitarian relief flight operations for the governments, international NGOs and other aid providers.

From 2004 to 2007, one of Aviacon's Ilyushin-76 aircraft was permanently based at the UN logistics base (UNLB) in Brindisi, Italy, operating under the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) banner.

The aircraft was on permanent standby either in Brindisi or within 48 hours of "reactivation" depending on demand. Painted in the full UN livery and operated under Aviacon callsign, it has flown over 2400 hours in support of humanitarian activities worldwide.

Since then, Aviacon fleet was a feature of all major natural disasters and conflict responses requiring airlift, including the

Asian tsunami, the devastating earthquakes in Iran, Haiti, Nepal, flood in Pakistan, hurricane in the Caribbean, and support for refugees in war-torn regions worldwide.

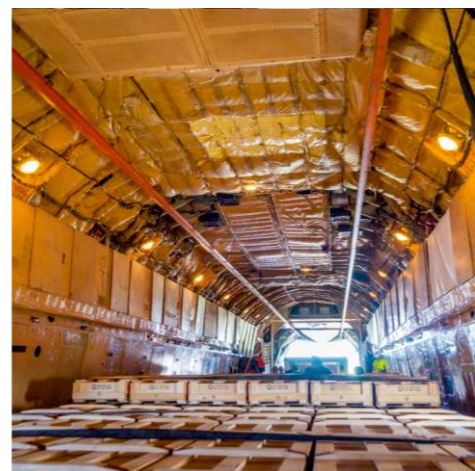
In 2020-2021, our IL-76s were actively used to transport personal protective equipment, oxygen equipment, coronavirus vaccines to the EU nations to Serbia, Algeria, Chad, Cuba and Venezuela.



DEALING WITH DANGEROUS GOODS

The transport of dangerous or hazardous cargo requires special treatment and is not to be undertaken lightly.

Aviacon is well known as a reliable carrier among prominent exporters of hi-tech dangerous goods, sensitive and hazardous materials.



It was nominated as a carrier for the airlift deliveries of high-value cargo under the contracts with the top world exporters, such as MBDA, Thales Underwater, Nexter Systems, BAE Systems, Bharat Dynamics Limited, Turkish Aerospace Industries, etc.

Strict rules and procedures exist to ensure dangerous cargos are transported intelligently to minimize the risks associated with its nature.

Two in-house IATA certified DG specialists provide expertise and support in the proper processing of DG-related documentation and pre-flight load planning. They can check or assist in the preparation of cargo documentation, including the package required to obtain a special dispensation and on occasion specific diplomatic overflight clearances.

A lot of Aviacon's international charters with high-tech DG materials were approved to transport ICAO Class 1 (so-called double forbidden cargo). Since 2016 Aviacon is engaged in the transportation of radioactive materials, including fuel for nuclear power stations.



MOVING LIVE CARGO

Animal 'passengers' have special needs and their well-being during the transportation is paramount, as required by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).



Aviacon was involved in a range of animal transportation projects from international horse shipments and livestock airlifts to the relocation of exotic species.

In 2006, the Air Company delivered a pair of the world's rarest species of rhinos (Rhinoceros unicornis) from Nepal to Europe as a gift from the King of Nepal to Vienna Zoo. In his letter of gratitude, the Director of Animal Transport Association and the Chairman of CITES noted that he 'will recommend the company to everybody who prepares shipments of live animals around the world'.

In 2008, Aviacon's aircraft delivered eight white whales from the Russian city of

Anapa to one of the world's largest ocean aquarium located in Hamilton, Canada.

In 2015 we obtained valuable experience in providing secure transportation for horses. It gave us a proven knowledge of the industry standards, regulations and the network of special equipment providers.

In January 2022, the airline's plane delivered hundreds of abandoned pets to the Canadian Vancouver airport from Kabul in transit through Turkey and Iceland. The aircraft carried 133 cats and 156 dogs, which were kept at the Kabul Small Animal Rescue veterinary clinic after withdrawal of US troops in August 2021 from Afghanistan.

In 2020 "the world's loneliest elephant" named Kaavan was airlifted onboard our IL76TD from Pakistan to a wildlife sanctuary in Cambodia. The famous American pop-singer Cher, together with the activists of the charity Foundation Four Paws International, campaigned for his freedom for years.

