



# NATO Air Refueling Procedure (from IAF tanker)

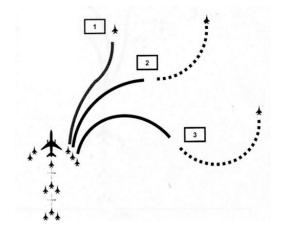
Reports
Fighter: "Giant, hello,"
Tanker: ", hello, Giant at FL XXX, standart QNH, report judy"
Fighter: ", judy"
Tanker: ", report visual"
Fighter: ", visual"
Tanker: "clear echelon left, contact boom freqency"
Fighter: " on boom frequency"
Tanker: " clear astern"
Fighter: " astern"
Tanker: " clear contact"
Tanker: "contact"
Tanker: "disconnect, clear astern, received XXXX pounds offload"
Tanker: " clear echelon right,

Tanker: "Formation \_\_\_\_\_, Clear to leave at FL XXX and contact military control"

# **Emergency Procedures**

Loss Of Visual:

- Either the tanker or fighters are allowed to report
  "Loss Of Visual Contact" if needed.
- Each fighter will turn away from the tanker's heading:
  - o First fighter will turn 15 degrees for 15 sec
  - o Second fighter will turn 30 degrees for 30 sec
  - o Etc..





#### Breakway:

- When there is an emergency in either the tanker or receiver, Boom operator will report "BREAKAWAY,
  BREAKAWAY, BREAKAWAY " and 4 red outer director lights will flash.
- After BREAKAWAY the boom operator will disconnect the receiver and report "Disconnected, Clear astern".

# **Terms and Definitions**

#### 1. Echelon left:

- The initial formation position for a receiver joining a tanker <u>before</u> refueling.
- A position to the left and slightly behind the wing with a minimum of one receiver wingspan clearance.

# 2. Echelon right:

- The Formation Position for a receiver <u>after</u> leaving the tanker.
- A position to the right and slightly above the tanker wing with a minimum of one receiver wingspan clearance.

#### 3. Astern:

- 50 feet behind the boom.
- Closing speed 0 knots.

# 4. "Offload / Onload":

The amount of fuel to transfer.

# 5. "Roll In / Roll Out":

Tanker is turnning into a roll or out of a roll.

