



**WORKING PAPER**

**LEGAL COMMITTEE – 39th SESSION**

(Montréal, 25 to 28 June 2024)

**Agenda Item 3: Review of the General Work Programme of the Legal Committee**

**REVIEW OF THE GENERAL WORK PROGRAMME OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 According to the Constitution of the Legal Committee (Resolution A7-5) and Rule 8 of the *Rules of Procedure of the Legal Committee* (Doc 7669-139/7), the Legal Committee establishes and maintains, subject to the approval of the Council, a general programme of work which includes subjects proposed by the Committee itself; in addition it shall also include any subjects proposed by the Assembly or the Council.

**2. THE WORK PROGRAMME FOLLOWING THE 38TH SESSION OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE**

2.1 Following the conclusion of the 38th Session of the Legal Committee (Virtual, 22 to 25 March 2022), subsequent approval by the Council on 30 May 2022 (C-DEC 226/4, C-DEC 226/13) and as confirmed by the Assembly during its 41st Session (Montréal, 27 September – 7 October 2022), the General Work Programme of the Legal Committee had been established as follows:

- 1) Review of the ICAO Rules for the Settlement of Differences;
- 2) International legal aspects of unmanned (pilotless) aircraft operations and integration into civil aviation;
- 3) Processes and procedures for States to fulfil their obligations under Article 12 of the Chicago Convention;
- 4) Acts or offences of concern to the international aviation community, including cyber threats, that may not be adequately covered by existing air law instruments;
- 5) Promotion of the ratification of international air law instruments;
- 6) Study of international legal issues relating to global satellite systems and services supporting international air navigation services;
- 7) Consideration of guidance on conflicts of interest; and
- 8) Implementation of Article 21 of the Chicago Convention.

### 3. **SUBSEQUENT ACTION BY THE COUNCIL**

3.1 On 11 March 2024 (C-DEC 231/2), the Council agreed to request the Legal Committee to give consideration to adding an item on the role of the International Explosives Technical Commission (IETC) to its Work Programme, in which the Committee would undertake an evaluation on potential solutions as to whether an amendment was required to the *Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection*, done at Montreal on 1 March 1991 (MEX Convention) in order to redefine the role and functions of the IETC, or alternatively, to terminate the IETC on the basis that it had fulfilled its initial mandate, while at the same time taking into account the timeline and resource implications that may be involved in undertaking this work. The Committee will be invited to consider this issue in more detail during consideration of LC/39-WP/3-2.

### 4. **ACTION BY THE COMMITTEE**

4.1 The Legal Committee is invited to consider this working paper and take any action it deems necessary.

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