

**ADMINISTRATIVE PACKAGE
FOR RATIFICATION OF OR ADHERENCE TO
THE CONVENTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS IN AIRCRAFT,
SIGNED AT GENEVA ON 19 JUNE 1948**

1) **Full Name of Instrument:**

*Convention on the International Recognition of Rights in Aircraft,
signed at Geneva on 19 June 1948* (ICAO Doc 7620)

2) **History:**

ICAO Assembly – 2nd Session, Geneva, 1 – 21 June 1948

3) **Summary:**

The purpose of this Convention is to facilitate the financing for the purchase of aircraft employed in international air services. The main characteristics of the Convention are the following:

- a) the protection of secured creditors (banks) who lend money on the security of aircraft (through the standard form of a mortgage);
- b) the protection of third parties dealing in or with aircraft against hidden charges;
- c) the definition and protection of privileged and priority claims against aircraft;
- d) the facilitation of the transfer of aircraft from one nationality to another.

4) **Main reasons for ratification:**

The Geneva Convention deals generally with the international recognition of rights in aircraft and is designed to secure recognition on an international basis of property and other rights in aircraft so that when an aircraft crosses a frontier, the interests of holders of such rights will still be protected (Articles I, II and IV). Acceptance of the principles of the Convention is expected to encourage investors to make financial assistance possible for the purchase of new aircraft to be employed in international civil aviation.

5) **Entry into force:**

The Convention entered into force on 17 September 1953.

6) **Depositary:**

The Secretary General
Attention: Legal Bureau
International Civil Aviation Organization
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Montreal, Canada
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Attachments: Model Instruments of Ratification and Adherence

**MODEL INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION
BY (NAME OF STATE)**

WHEREAS the Convention on the International Recognition of Rights in Aircraft (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) was adopted at Geneva on 19 June 1948;

AND WHEREAS the said Convention was signed on behalf of the Government of [name of State] on [date];

AND WHEREAS Article XIX of the Convention specifies that the latter is subject to ratification by signatory States;

NOW THEREFORE I, [name and title of the Head of State, Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs], declare that the Government of [name of State], having considered the said Convention, hereby *RATIFIES* it and undertakes faithfully to abide by all of the provisions therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Instrument of Ratification and affixed hereunto the Seal of the (name of State).

Date

(Signature by the Head of State,
Head of Government or
Minister for Foreign Affairs)

Seal

**MODEL INSTRUMENT OF ADHERENCE
BY (NAME OF STATE)**

WHEREAS the Convention on the International Recognition of Rights in Aircraft (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) was adopted at Geneva on 19 June 1948;

WHEREAS the Convention came into force on 17 September 1953;

AND WHEREAS the Convention shall, after it has come into force, be open for adherence by non-signatory States, in accordance with Article XXI, paragraph (1), thereof;

NOW THEREFORE I, [name and title of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs] declare that the Government of [name of State], having considered the said Convention, *HEREBY ADHERES* thereto and undertakes faithfully to carry out all the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have signed this Instrument of Adherence and affixed hereunto the Seal of the (name of State).

Date

(Signature by the Head of State,
Head of Government or
Minister for Foreign Affairs)

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