INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIR LAW

(Beijing, 30 August – 10 September 2010)

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of the International Conference on Air Law
(Diplomatic Conference on Aviation Security) held under the auspices of
the International Civil Aviation Organization
at Beijing, China, 30 August to 10 September 2010

The Plenipotentiaries at the Diplomatic Conference on Aviation Security met at Beijing at the
invitation of the Government of China from 30 August to 10 September 2010 to adopt amendments to
the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation (the
Montreal Convention of 1971) as amended by the Protocol of 1988; and to the Convention for the

The Governments of the following ………… States were represented at the Conference and
presented credentials in due and proper form:

Algeria, the People’s Democratic Republic of
Argentine Republic, the
Australia
Azerbaijani Republic
Belgium, the Kingdom of
Botswana, the Republic of
Brazil, the Federative Republic of
Cameroon, the Republic of
Canada
Chad, the Republic of
Chile, the Republic of
China, the People’s Republic of
Costa Rica, the Republic of
Cuba, the Republic of
Cyprus, the Republic of
Czech Republic, the
Denmark, the Kingdom of
Dominican Republic, the
Ecuador, the Republic of
Egypt, the Arab Republic of
Fiji, the Republic of
Finland, the Republic of
French Republic, the
Gambia, the Republic of the
Germany, the Federal Republic of
Hellenic Republic, the
India, the Republic of
Indonesia, the Republic of
Iran, the Islamic Republic of
Israel, the State of
Italian Republic, the
Japan
Kenya, the Republic of
Kuwait, the State of
Madagascar, the Republic of
Malaysia
Mali, the Republic of
Mexican States, the United
Morocco, the Kingdom of
Namibia, the Republic of
Nepal, the Federal Democratic Republic of
Netherlands, the Kingdom of the
New Zealand
Nigeria, the Federal Republic of
Norway, the Kingdom of
Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of
Panama, the Republic of
Paraguay, the Republic of
Philippines, the Republic of the
Poland, the Republic of
Portuguese Republic, the
Qatar, the State of
Republic of Korea, the
Romania
Russian Federation, the
Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of
Senegal, the Republic of
Singapore, the Republic of
Slovenia, the Republic of
South Africa, the Republic of
Spain, the Kingdom of
Sudan, the Republic of the
Swaziland, the Kingdom of
Sweden, the Kingdom of
The following international organizations were represented by Observers:

- African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC)
- Arab Civil Aviation Commission (ACAC)
- International Air Transport Association (IATA)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

The Conference elected as President Mr. Xia Xinghua (China), and further elected as Vice-Presidents:

- First Vice-President: Mr. Terry Olson (France)
- Second Vice-President: Mr. Hisham El-Zimaity (Egypt)
- Third Vice-President: Mr. Levers Mabaso (South Africa)
- Fourth Vice-President: Mr. David Sproule (Canada)
- Fifth Vice-President: Mr. Cesar Fernando Mayoral (Argentina)

The Secretary General of the Conference was Mr. Denys Wibaux, Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization. He was assisted by Mr. John Augustin, Deputy Director, who was the Executive Secretary, by Dr. Jiefang Huang, Legal Officer, who was the Deputy Secretary, and by Ms. Marla Weinstein, Legal Adviser, who was Assistant Secretary. Conference services were provided under the direction of Dr. Fang Liu, Director, Administration and Services Bureau, with the assistance of Ms. Lynda Déry, Chief, Conference Services, and other officials of the Organization.

The Conference established a Commission of the Whole which was chaired by Mr. Terry Olson (France) and the following Committees:

**Credentials Committee**

Chairman: Mr. Pierre Tankam (Cameroon)

Members: Cuba, India, Netherlands, United Arab Emirates
Drafting Committee

Chairperson: Mrs. Siew Huay Tan (Singapore)

Members:
Algeria
Argentina
Australia
Canada
China
Cuba
Czech Republic
Egypt
France
India
Indonesia
Japan
Kenya
Mexico
Nigeria
Romania
Russian Federation
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Sweden
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
United States

International Air Transport Association (IATA)
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

Preambular and Final Clauses Committee

Chairperson: Mrs. Siew Huay Tan (Singapore)

Members:
Algeria
Australia
Belgium
Brazil
Cameroon
Canada
China
Egypt
India
Italy
Mexico
Nigeria
Romania
Following its deliberations, the Conference adopted the texts of the *Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation* and the *Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft*.

The said Convention and Protocol were opened for signature at Beijing this day by States participating in the Conference. It was also decided that after 27 September 2010 the said Convention and Protocol would be open to all States for signature at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal.

The texts of the said Convention and Protocol are subject to verification by the Secretariat of the Conference under the authority of the President of the Conference within a period of ninety days from the date hereof as to the linguistic changes required to bring the texts in the different languages into conformity with one another.

A consolidated text of the *Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft* (The Hague Convention of 1970) as amended by the *Protocol Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft* was also adopted at Beijing this day to facilitate the implementation of the rules contained in the said Convention and Protocol in a user-friendly manner. This text, established in six languages, is attached to the present Final Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Delegates,

GRATEFUL to the Government of China for hosting the Conference at Beijing and for its generous hospitality,

HAVE SIGNED this Final Act,

DONE at Beijing on the tenth day of September of the year two thousand and ten in six authentic texts in the English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish languages in a single copy which shall be deposited with the International Civil Aviation Organization and a certified copy of which shall be delivered by the said Organization to each of the Governments represented at the Conference.
ATTACHMENT

(To follow)

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