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LEGAL COMMITTEE – 33RD SESSION

(Montréal, 21 April – 2 May 2008)

Agenda Item 4: Consideration of other items on the General Work Programme of the Legal Committee

INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS IN MOBILE EQUIPMENT (AIRCRAFT EQUIPMENT)

(Presented by the Secretariat)

RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE RECESS OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE

1. Following the selection and appointment of the Registrar and the approval of the Regulations for the International Registry by the Preparatory Commission in May 2004, the Council, during its 175th Session in June 2005, confirmed its decision to accept the role of Supervisory Authority of the International Registry to which it had been invited by the Cape Town Diplomatic Conference of 2001 under its Resolution No. 2. The Council assumed this role on 1 March 2006 when the Cape Town Convention and Protocol of 2001 entered into force and the International Registry, which had been established by the Preparatory Commission for the International Registry acting as Provisional Supervisory Authority, entered into operation.

2. During its 176th Session, in November 2005, the Council decided, pursuant to Article XVII of the Cape Town Protocol and Resolution No. 2 of the Cape Town Diplomatic Conference of 2001, to establish a Commission of Experts comprising not more than 15 members nominated by Contracting and Signatory States to the Cape Town Convention and Protocol to assist the Council in the performance of its functions of Supervisory Authority of the International Registry. The Commission of Experts of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry (CESAIR), currently composed of eight Experts, nominated by Canada, China, France, Ireland, Nigeria, Switzerland, United Kingdom and United States, held its first and second meetings at ICAO Headquarters in Montreal in November 2006 and December 2007, respectively. In both meetings, CSAIR reviewed, *inter alia*, proposals for amendments to the *Regulations and Procedures for the International Registry* (Doc 9864) and made recommendations thereon which were endorsed by the Council.

3. The first report of the Council to the currently nineteen States Parties to the Cape Town Convention and Protocol concerning the discharge of its obligations as the Supervisory Authority has been sent out recently. The report points out that the International Registry has functioned efficiently during its initial phase with its operations continuously improving over the first two years of its existence, while no difficulties have been experienced in discharging the functions of the Supervisory Authority.

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