



**WORKING PAPER**

**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**

**UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA – IMPLICATIONS, IF ANY, FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION, ITS ANNEXES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIR LAW INSTRUMENTS**

(Presented by the Secretariat)

**1. BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea adopted in New York, on 30 April 1982, the *United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea*, which entered into force on 16 November 1994. As of 26 October 2007, 155 States had ratified, acceded to or accepted the Convention.

1.2 Since the 25th Session of the Legal Committee (Montreal, 12 – 25 April 1983), its General Work Programme includes the subject entitled “*United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea – Implications, if any, for the application of the Chicago Convention, its Annexes and other international air law instruments*” (see LC/31-WP/4-4 for additional background information on this Item).

**2. DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THE 32ND SESSION OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE**

2.1 The Secretariat has continued to monitor developments regarding this subject. While there were no significant developments in relation to international civil aviation since the 32nd Session of the Legal Committee, the Council decided during its 182nd Session to maintain this subject in the General Work Programme of the Legal Committee for monitoring purposes, and confirmed it as Item No. 6 thereof.

**3. ACTION BY THE LEGAL COMMITTEE**

3.1 The Committee is invited to note this working paper.

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