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The Work Programme of the Legal Committee – Developments from the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly

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Developments from the 40th Session of the Assembly

- 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly (24 September to 4 October 2019)
- Legal Commission held three meetings
- Attended by Representatives from 127 Member States and 25 observer delegations
- Adoption of a revised Work Programme for the Legal Committee

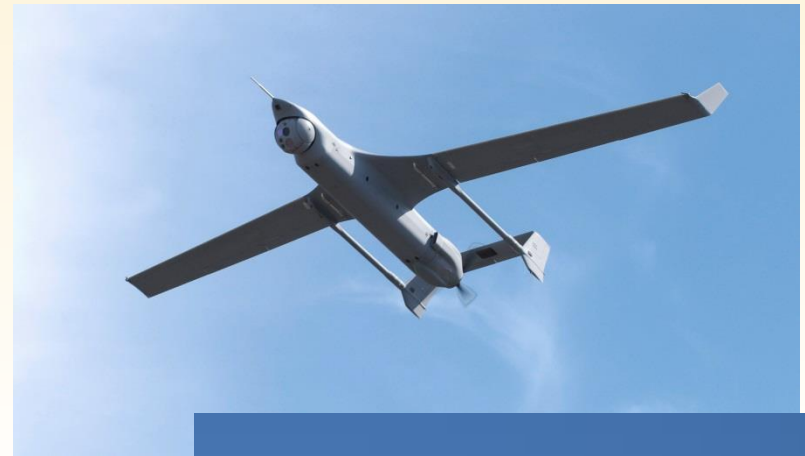


Work Programme of the Legal Committee

- 1) International legal aspects of unmanned (pilotless) aircraft operations and integration into civil aviation;**
- 2) Review of the ICAO Rules for the Settlement of Differences;**
- 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) Consideration of guidance on conflicts of interest;
- 6) Promotion of the ratification of international air law instruments;**
- 7) Implementation of Article 21 of the Chicago Convention; and
- 8) Study of international legal issues relating to global satellite systems and services supporting international air navigation services.

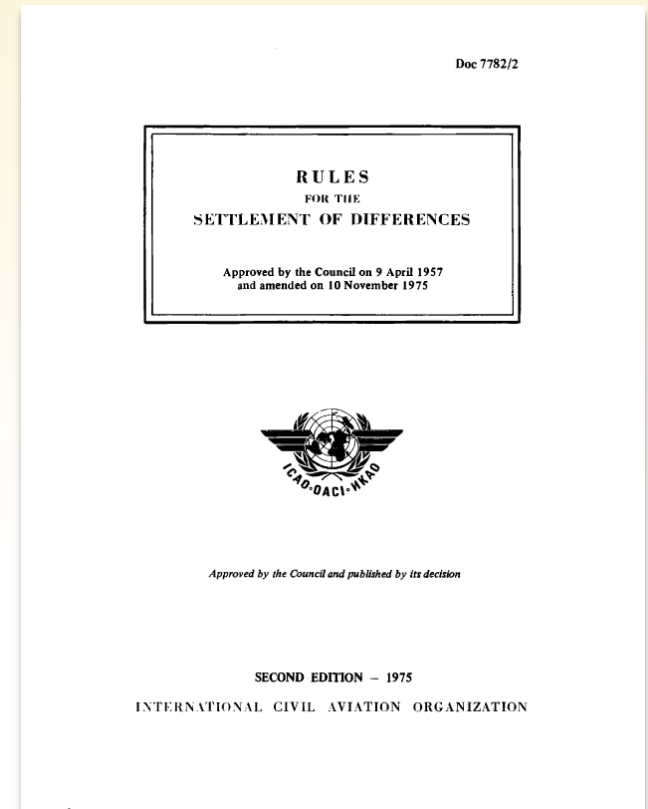
Item 1: International legal aspects of unmanned (pilotless) aircraft operations and integration into civil aviation

- Establishment of a Group on International legal issues related to Pilotless Aircraft
- First meeting: from 7 to 9 April 2020



Item 2: Review of the ICAO Rules for the Settlement of Differences

- Establishment of the Working Group for the Review of the ICAO Rules for the Settlement of Differences (WG RRSD)
- Two meetings in 2019 and two meetings scheduled for 2020
- Preparation of a draft set of Rules for consideration by the 38th Session of the Legal Committee (2021)



Item 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

- New item added to the Work Programme of the Legal Committee (merger of two existing items)
- LEB is supporting the work of the SSGC to review adequacy of international air law instruments



Item 6: Promotion of the ratification of international air law instruments

- First ICAO Treaty Event was held during the 40th Session of the Assembly
 - 17 depositary actions recorded
 - 5 States took the opportunity to make consultations with LEB
- Entry into force on 1 January 2020 of the Montréal Protocol 2014



Civil Aviation Legal Advisers Forum (CALAF)

- Inaugural CALAF held in Singapore in May 2019
- Serves as a platform for legal counsels from CAAs to share with their counterparts
- Adoption of an Assembly Resolution highlighting the role of CAA legal advisers



Thank you.



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