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## **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 Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft* (The Hague Convention of 1970).

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

Swiss Confederation  
Thailand, the Kingdom of  
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
Tunisia, the Republic of  
Turkey, the Republic of  
Uganda, the Republic of  
United Arab Emirates, the  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern

Ireland, the  
United Republic of Tanzania, the  
United States of America, the  
Uruguay, the Eastern Republic of  
Venezuela, the Bolivarian Republic of  
Zambia, the Republic 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

Russian Federation  
United States

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.

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**ATTACHMENT**

(To follow)

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