GEORGE W. BUSH
President of the United States of America

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

CONSIDERING THAT:

The Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters Specific to Aircraft Equipment were concluded at Cape Town, South Africa on November 16, 2001; and
The Senate of the United States of America by its resolution of July 21, 2004, two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein, gave its advice and consent to ratification of the Convention and Protocol, subject to the following declarations:

SEC. 2. DECLARATIONS RELATIVE TO THE CONVENTION.

(1) Pursuant to Article 39 of the Convention -

(A) all categories of non-consensual rights or interests which under United States law have and will in the future have priority over an interest in an object equivalent to that of the holder of a registered international interest shall to that extent have priority over a registered international interest, whether in or outside insolvency proceedings; and

(B) nothing in the Convention shall affect the right of the United States or that of any entity thereof, any intergovernmental organization in which the United States is a member state, or other private providers of public services in the United States to arrest or detain an aircraft object under United States law for payment of amounts owed to any such entity, organization, or provider directly relating to the services provided by it in respect of that object or another object.

(2) Pursuant to Article 54 of the Convention, all remedies available to the creditor under the Convention or Protocol which are not expressed under the relevant provision thereof to require application to the court may be exercised, in accordance with United States law, without leave of the court.

SEC. 3. DECLARATIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROTOCOL.

(1) Pursuant to Article XXX of the Protocol -

(A) the United States will apply Article VIII of the Protocol;

(B) the United States will apply Article XII of the Protocol; and

(C) the United States will apply Article XIII of the Protocol.

(2) Pursuant to Article XIX of the Protocol -

(A) the Federal Aviation Administration, acting through its Aircraft Registry, FAA Aeronautical Center, 6640 South MacArthur Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73128, shall be the entry point at which information required for registration in respect of airframes or helicopters pertaining to civil aircraft of the United
States or aircraft to become a civil aircraft of the United States shall be transmitted, and in respect of aircraft engines may be transmitted, to the International Registry; and

(ii) the requirements of chapter 441 of title 49, United States Code, and part 43 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, shall be fully complied with before such information is transmitted at the Federal Aviation Administration to the International Registry.

(b) For purposes of the designation in subparagraph (A)(i) and the requirements in subparagraph (A)(ii), information is transmitted at the Federal Aviation Administration in accordance with procedures established under United States law.

(c) In this paragraph, the term "civil aircraft of the United States" has the meaning given that term in section 40102(17) of title 49, United States Code.
NOW THEREFORE, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, approve ratification of the United States of America to the said Convention and Protocol, subject to the above declarations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed this instrument of ratification and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the city of Washington
this twentieth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth.

By the President:

[Signature]

Secretary of State