Diplomatic Conference to Adopt a Rail Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment held under the joint auspices of the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law and the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail in Luxembourg from 12 to 23 February 2007

(presented by the Conference Secretariat)


The Governments of the following 32 * States were represented at the Conference and presented credentials in due and proper form:

* It will be recalled that, when presenting the Report of the Credentials Committee to the Conference on 21 February 2007, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported that the Committee had recommended that it should be open to States not then having submitted credentials or Full Powers in due and proper form to do so right up until 10 a.m. on 23 February 2007, and this with a view to ensuring that as many States as possible be able to sign the Final Act and the future Protocol on that date.
The following nine international Organisations and groups were represented by observers:

- Aviation Working Group (AWG)
- Council of the European Union
- European Commission
- European Investment Bank
- Hague Conference on Private International Law
- International Union of Railways (UIC)
- Rail Working Group (RWG)
- Southern African Development Community
- World Bank.

The Conference elected as President Mr Jean Mischo (Luxembourg) and further elected as Vice-Presidents:

- Mr Abdul Razzaq Abulfeilat (Jordan)
- Mr Antonio Paulo Cachapuz de Medeiros (Brazil)
- Mr Yuri Khromov (Russian Federation)
- Mr Laurent Noël (Switzerland)
- Mr Fabien Owono Essono (Gabon).

The Secretariat of the Conference was as follows:

For the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law:

- Secretary General – Mr Herbert Kronke, Secretary-General
- Executive Secretary – Ms Marina Schneider, Senior Officer
- Deputy Secretary – Mr Martin Stanford, Deputy Secretary-General
- Deputy Secretary – Ms Frédérique Mestre, Senior Officer
For the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail:

Secretary General – Mr Stefan Schimming, Secretary General
Executive Secretary – Mr Gustav Kafka, Deputy to the Secretary General
Deputy Secretary – Mr Gerfried Mutz, Honorary Counsellor
Deputy Secretary – Mrs Eva Hammerschmiedova, Senior Officer

Other officials of both Organisations also provided services to the Conference.

The Conference established a Commission of the Whole, which was chaired by Mr Dominique D’Allaire (Canada) and to which Sir Roy Goode (United Kingdom) acted as Rapporteur, and the following Committees:

Credentials Committee
Chairman: Mr Dan Ogochukwu Obelle (Nigeria)
Members: Indonesia
          Luxembourg
          Nigeria
          Qatar
          Russian Federation.

Drafting Committee
Chairman: Mr Antti Leinonen (Finland)
Members: Austria
          Canada
          Finland
          France
          Germany
          Japan
          Kenya
          Luxembourg
          Russian Federation
          United States of America.

Final Clauses Committee
Chairman: Mr Jorge Sánchez Cordero (Mexico)
Members: Greece
          Luxembourg
          Mexico
          United States of America.

Registry Committee
Chairman: Mr Henrik Kjellin (Sweden)
Members: Canada
          Finland
Following its deliberations, the Conference adopted the text of the Protocol to the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment on Matters specific to Railway Rolling Stock.

The said Protocol has been opened for signature in Luxembourg this day.

The texts of the said 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 make the texts in the different languages consistent with one another.

The Conference furthermore adopted by consensus the following Resolutions: