PROPOSAL TO THE CONFERENCE OF A RESOLUTION NO. 3 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 2(3)(b) AND (c) OF THE CONVENTION

THE CONFERENCE,

HAVING ADOPTED, in Article 2(3)(b) and (c) of the Convention, provisions contemplating the adoption of a Protocol on Matters specific to Space Assets;

OBSERVING that preliminary consideration has begun with regard to a fourth Protocol on mobile agricultural, construction and mining equipment;

CONSIDERING that such Protocol will be applied together with the terms of the Convention and are expected also to include analogous provisions to those contained in the Aircraft Protocol;

CONSIDERING that considerable progress has already been made in relation to the development of the Protocol and such progress has been welcomed by the Conference;

CONSIDERING that the completion of the Protocol is to be expected to confer significant benefits on the international community as a whole, in particular for developing States; and

CONSIDERING IT DESIRABLE to involve as wide a range of States as possible in the process for the adoption of the Protocol and to keep the costs of such adoption to a reasonable minimum;

RESOLVES:

TO INVITE the negotiating States to work towards expeditious adoption of the draft Protocol on Space Assets under preparation in respect of those objects falling within Article 2(3)(b) and (c);
TO INVITE States to initiate preliminary work in 2007 on a Protocol on mobile agricultural, construction and mining equipment;

TO INVITE the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) to use its good offices to facilitate such objectives;

TO INVITE UNIDROIT to give all Member States of UNIDROIT and Member States of the United Nations or relevant specialised Agencies which are not members of UNIDROIT an opportunity to participate in the negotiation and adoption of such Protocols in a cost-effective manner; and

TO INVITE the competent bodies of UNIDROIT to consider favourably the implementation of an expedited procedure for the adoption of such Protocols, and in particular to consider the diplomatic Conference required for their adoption being as short as possible consistently with the need for States to give such Protocol proper consideration.

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