

Documentary History of the Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the Aircraft Protocol

1988:

At its 67th session, held in Rome in June, the UNIDROIT Governing Council, in response to a proposal by the Canadian Government, proposed to the General Assembly the inclusion of the regulation of aspects of security interests in mobile equipment on the Institute's Work Programme. {Need excerpt from General Council 67th Session Report}

1989:

At its 68th session, held in Rome in April, a study on *International regulation of aspects of security interests in mobile equipment*, prepared by Mr Ronald C.C. Cuming, Professor of Law in the University of Saskatchewan, was submitted to the Governing Council. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 1 – Study on the international regulation of aspects of security interests in mobile equipment \(prepared by Mr Ronald C.C. Cuming\)}](#)

1990:

The Secretariat circulated a *questionnaire* to business and financial circles designed to test the assumptions underpinning Mr Cuming's conclusions. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 2 – Questionnaire relating to the international regulation of aspects of security interests in mobile equipment}](#)

1991:

The Secretariat prepared an *analysis of the replies* to the questionnaire and submitted it to the Governing Council at its 70th session, held in Rome in May. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 3 – Analysis of the replies to the questionnaire on an international regulation of aspects of security interests in mobile equipment}](#)

The Governing Council approved the formation of a *Restricted Exploratory Working Group* to examine the feasibility of drawing up uniform rules on certain international aspects of security in interests in mobile equipment. {Need Excerpt from General Council 70th Session Report}

1992:

The *Restricted Exploratory Working Group*, chaired by Sir Roy Goode, Emeritus Professor of English Law in the University of Oxford, and assisted by representatives of business interests and practising lawyers with special experience of the problems raised by cross-border secured financing, met in Rome in March to ascertain the need for, and

feasibility of, uniform rules. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 4 – Basic issues identified in responses to the questionnaire on an international regulation of aspects of security interests in mobile equipment, prepared by Mr Ronald Cuming of the University of Saskatchewan}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 5 – Report on the restricted exploratory working group to examine the feasibility of drawing up uniform rules on certain international aspects of security interests in mobile equipment, held in Rome from 9 to 11 March 1992}](#)

At its 71st session, held in Rome in June, the Governing Council instructed the President of UNIDROIT to convene a Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on certain international aspects of security interests in mobile equipment. {Need Excerpt from General Council 71st Session report}

1993:

The *Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on certain international aspects of security interests in mobile equipment*, chaired by Sir Roy Goode, met for the first time in Rome in March and made a preliminary examination of the issues involved in the preparation of uniform rules. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 6 – Memorandum for the attention of the Study Group at its first session, prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 7 – Summary report on the first session of the Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on certain international aspects of security interests in mobile equipment \(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat\)}](#)

At its 72nd session, held in Rome in June, the Governing Council decided that this work should for the time being be carried forward within a Sub-committee of the Study Group essentially responsible for the preparation of a first draft. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 8 – Memorandum on a proposed UNIDROIT Convention on Security Interests in Mobile Equipment, prepared by Mr Ronald C.C. Cuming, University of Saskatchewan}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 9 – Comments on the memorandum from Mr Thomas Whalen}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 10 – Comments on the memorandum from Mr C.W. Mooney, Jr.}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 11 – Comments on the memorandum from Mr J.-H. Röver}](#)

1994:

The *Sub-committee for the preparation of a first draft*, chaired by Sir Roy Goode, met for the first time in Rome in February reaching a number of provisional conclusions regarding the sphere of application of the uniform rules, the setting up of an international registry and the conditions that should govern the recognition by the courts of a Contracting State of international interests in mobile equipment created under the uniform rules. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 12 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on certain international aspects of security interests in mobile equipment: Sub-committee for the preparation of a first draft \(first session: Rome 14-16 February 1994\) – summary report \(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat\)}](#)

The *Drafting Group of the Sub-committee*, chaired by Sir Roy Goode, met for the first time in Paris in July to draw up proposals for a first set of draft articles of a future

UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment, on the basis of the provisional conclusions reached by the Sub-committee at its first session. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 13 – Proposals for a first set of draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment \(drawn up by the Chairman and a member of the Sub-committee on the basis of the provisional conclusions reached by the latter at its first session\)}](#)

The *Sub-committee for the preparation of a first draft* met for a second time in Rome in November/December to consider the proposals for a first draft prepared by the Drafting Group, in particular in the light of the comments submitted thereon by members of the Study Group and the Sub-committee and the international organisations represented by observers thereon, and reached a number of provisional conclusions regarding priorities and enforcement and inviting the Boeing Company and Airbus Industrie jointly to prepare a memorandum for the consideration of the Sub-committee setting forth a representative aviation industry view on the desired content of the proposed Convention as the same related to aircraft. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 14 – Comments on proposals for a first draft}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 15 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: Sub-committee for the preparation of a first draft \(second session: Rome, 29 November – 1 December 1994\) – summary report \(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat\)}](#)

1995:

A *Memorandum* jointly prepared by Airbus Industrie and The Boeing Company was submitted to the Study Group on behalf of a working group (the Aviation Working Group). The memorandum was submitted for comment to all members of the Sub-committee as well as the international organisations represented by observers thereon. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 16 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: Sub-committee for the preparation of a first draft: Memorandum \(prepared jointly by Airbus Industrie and The Boeing Company on behalf of an aviation working group\)}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 17 – Comments on the memorandum from Sub-committee members}](#)

The *Drafting Group of the Sub-committee* met for a second time in Oxford in June to draw up revised proposals for a first set of draft articles of the planned UNIDROIT Convention, on the basis of the provisional conclusions reached by the Sub-committee at its second session.

In July, the Drafting Group submitted its revised proposals for a first set of draft articles for comment by all members of both the Sub-committee and the Study Group as well as the international organisations represented thereon by observers. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 18 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: Sub-committee for the preparation of a first draft – Revised proposals for a first set of draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(drawn up by the Drafting Group on the basis of the provisional conclusions reached by the Sub-committee at its second session\)}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc.](#)

19 – Comments from the Drafting Group} [{Study LXXII – Doc. 20 – Hypothetical scenarios designed to test the applicability of the revised proposals to given factual situations}](#)

The *sub-committee for the preparation of a first draft* met for a third and final time in Rome in October to consider the revised proposals for a first set of draft articles prepared by the Drafting Group and the Memorandum submitted jointly by Airbus Industrie and The Boeing Company. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 21 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: Sub-committee for the preparation of a first draft \(third session: Rome, 11-13 October 1995\) – summary report \(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat\)}](#)

The *Drafting Group of the Sub-committee* met for a third time in Oxford in December to establish a first set of draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment, pursuant to the decisions taken by the Sub-committee at its third session. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 22 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: first set of draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(established by the Drafting Group of the Sub-committee on 19 December 1995 pursuant to the decisions taken by the Sub-committee of the Study Group at its third session\)}](#)

1996:

The *Restricted Drafting Group of the Sub-committee*, manned by the French member thereof and a representative of the UNIDROIT Secretariat, met in Paris in March to revise the first set of draft articles which the Drafting Group had established in December 1995, in particular with a view to improving the French text and rendering it more consistent with the English text. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 24 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: first set of draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(established by the Drafting Group of the Sub-committee on 19 December 1995 as revised by the same on 4 March 1996\)}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 27 – Comments on the first set of draft articles from the Cosmic Space Agency of the Russian Federation and the Banking Federation of the European Union}](#)

A *Second memorandum*, incorporating a draft aviation text, was jointly submitted by Airbus Industrie and The Boeing Company to the Study Group on behalf of an Aviation Working Group in March. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 23 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: second Memorandum prepared jointly by Airbus Industrie and The Boeing Company on behalf of an aviation working group}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 25 – Summary of principal concepts of the Second Memorandum, prepared by Mr Jeffrey Wool, expert consultant to the Study Group on international aviation finance matters}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 31 – Preliminary comments on the memorandum from the Russian Federation Aviation Working Group}](#)

The *Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on certain international aspects of security interests in mobile equipment* met for a second time in Rome in April to consider the first set of draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment, established by the Drafting Group of the Sub-committee, in conjunction with the draft aviation text submitted by Airbus Industrie and The Boeing Company. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 27 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment \(second session: Rome, 12 – 16 April 1996\): report \(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat\)}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 33 – Comments on the report from the European Federation of Equipment Leasing Company Associations}](#)

At its 75th session, held in Rome in June, the Governing Council made a number of proposals for consideration by the Study Group. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 28 – Extract from the report on the 75th session of the UNIDROIT Governing Council}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 29 – Consideration of the case for exclusion of registered ships from the sphere of application of the future convention, prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat}](#)

The *Registration Working Group of the Study Group*, chaired by Mr Ronald C.C. Cuming, met for a first time in Rome in April to consider the legal and technical issues raised by the setting up of the international register posited under the future UNIDROIT Convention. [{Study LXXIIC – Doc. 2 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: Working Group to consider the legal and technical issues raised by the establishment of an international register \(first session: Rome, 16 – 18 April 1996\) – summary report \(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat\)}](#)

The *Drafting Group of the Study Group*, chaired by Sir Roy Goode, met for a first time in Rome in April and for a second time in Oxford in October to revise the draft articles in the light of the Study Group's reading at its second session of the first set of draft articles in conjunction with the draft aviation text. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 30 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: revised draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(proposed by the Drafting Group in the light of the Study Group's reading at its second session of the first set of draft articles established by the Sub-committee in conjunction with the recommendations of the Aviation Working Group\) with introductory remarks \(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat\)}](#)

1997:

The *Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on certain international aspects of security interests in mobile equipment* met for a third time in Rome in January to consider the revised draft articles established by the Drafting Group as well as a joint proposal of the Aviation Working Group and the International Air Transport Association (I.A.T.A.). [{Study LXXII – Doc. 32 – Comments on the draft articles from the Aviation Working Group and the I.A.T.A.}](#)

In February, the President of UNIDROIT authorised the establishment of a working group, external to UNIDROIT, to prepare a preliminary draft Protocol on matters specific to aircraft equipment (the Aircraft Protocol Group), to be organised by Mr Jeffrey Wool. {Need Extract from 76th Session of General Council Report }

Also in February, the Chairman of the Study Group prepared a completely revised set of the revised draft articles designed to take account the work accomplished by the Drafting Group in January and, for those provisions not considered by the Drafting Group on that occasion, of the deliberations of the Study Group at its third session.

The *Registration Working Group of the Study Group* met for a second time in Geneva in May to consider the provisions relating to registration of the Chairman's February redraft. [{Study LXXIIC – Doc. 3 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: Working Group to consider the legal and technical issues raised by the establishment of an international register \(second session: Geneva, 26 – 28 May 1997\) – summary report \(prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat\)}](#)

The *Drafting Group of the Study Group* met for a fourth time in Würzburg in July to agree on the text of the revised draft articles, amended to take account inter alia of the proposals relating to the registration provisions made at the second meeting of the Registration Working Group, to go before the Study Group at its fourth session. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 35 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: revised draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(as proposed by the Drafting Group at its fourth session, held in Würzburg from 24 to 26 July 1997\) with introductory remarks \(by the UNIDROIT Secretariat\)}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 36 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: revised draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(as proposed by the Drafting Group at its fourth session, held in Würzburg from 24 to 26 July 1997\) – comments \(by members of the Study Group, advisers thereto and the international Organisations, professional associations and other bodies represented thereon by observers as also those persons and bodies having participated from outside the Study Group in the development of the project\)}](#)

The revised draft articles proposed by the Drafting Group were circulated for comment in August among those invited to participate in the fourth session of the Study Group and those having responded to the Secretariat's initial questionnaire. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 36 Add. 1 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: revised draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(as proposed by the Drafting Group at its fourth session, held in Würzburg from 24 to 26 July 1997\) – comments \(by the Federal German Association of Banks\)}](#) [{Study LXXII – Doc. 36 Add. 2 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: revised draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(as proposed by the Drafting Group at its fourth session, held in](#)

[Würzburg from 24 to 26 July 1997\) – comments \(by the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail, the European Company for the Financing of Railroad Rolling Stock, the Danish Shipowners' Association and the Elf Aquitaine Group\)](#) {[Study LXXII – Doc. 36 Add. 3 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: revised draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(as proposed by the Drafting Group at its fourth session, held in Würzburg from 24 to 26 July 1997\) – comments \(by the Aircraft Protocol Group\)](#)} {[Study LXXII – Doc. 36 Add. 4 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: revised draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(as proposed by the Drafting Group at its fourth session, held in Würzburg from 24 to 26 July 1997\) – comments \(by Professor B. Foëx\)](#)} {[Study LXXII – Doc. 36 Add. 5 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: revised draft articles of a future UNIDROIT Convention on international interests in mobile equipment \(as proposed by the Drafting Group at its fourth session, held in Würzburg from 24 to 26 July 1997\) – comments \(by Mr H.W. Fleisig, Director of the Center for the Economic Analysis of Law \(C.E.A.L.\) and expert consultant on international economic matters to the Study Group, and Professor L.G. Girton, consultant to C.E.A.L.\)](#)}

The *Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on certain international aspects of security interests in mobile equipment* met for a fourth and final time in Rome in November to consider the revised draft articles proposed by the Drafting Group, in particular in the light of the comments received thereto. {[Study LXXII – Doc. 37 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: preliminary draft UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment \(as established by the Study Group at the conclusion of its fourth session, held in Rome from 3 to 7 November 1997\)](#)}

The *Drafting Group of the Study Group* met for a fifth and final time in Rome in November to amend the revised draft articles as agreed by the Study Group at its fourth session.

At the Tenth Meeting of its 152nd session in December, the ICAO Council decided to include in the General Work Programme of the Legal Committee of ICAO the item “International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Aircraft Equipment)”. {[C-DEC 152/10 – ICAO Council 152nd Session Tenth Meeting \(Montreal, 1 December 1997\): Summary of Decision, Excerpt](#)}

In December, the Study Group finalised the text of the preliminary draft UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment. {[Study LXXIID – Doc. 1 – Preliminary draft UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment \(as established by the Study Group at the conclusion of its fourth session, held in Rome from 3 to 7 November 1997\): preliminary draft Protocol on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment \(as established by a working group organised by Mr J. Wool, expert consultant to the Study Group on international aviation finance matters, at the invitation](#)}

[of the President, at the conclusion of its second session, held in Geneva from 19 to 21 November 1997\)}](#)

1998:

The preliminary draft Protocol on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment, established by the Aircraft Protocol Group (the core members of which were the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Air Transport Association (I.A.T.A.) and the Aviation Working Group) was submitted to the President of UNIDROIT in January. [{Study LXXIID – Doc. 1 – Preliminary draft UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment \(as established by the Study Group at the conclusion of its fourth session, held in Rome from 3 to 7 November 1997\): preliminary draft Protocol on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment \(as established by a working group organised by Mr J. Wool, expert consultant to the Study Group on international aviation finance matters, at the invitation of the President, at the conclusion of its second session, held in Geneva from 19 to 21 November 1997\)}](#)

At its 77th session, held in Rome in February, the Governing Council decided that the preliminary draft UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the preliminary draft Protocol thereto on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment should be further refined by a Steering and Revisions Committee before and with a view to their submission to governmental experts. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 40 – Governing Council \(77th session: Rome, 16 – 20 February 1998\): Extract from the report on the session – Re item No. 8 on the agenda: International interests in mobile equipment}](#)

The *Steering and Revisions Committee*, chaired by Sir Roy Goode, as member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, met in Rome in June to finalise the texts of the preliminary draft UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the preliminary draft Protocol on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment, in the light of the comments formulated by members of the Governing Council at its 77th session and on the basis of revised texts prepared by the Chairman of the Study Group. [{Study LXXII – Doc. 39 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: preliminary draft UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment \(as revised by the Chairman\)}](#)

At its 32nd Session in Montreal in September/October the ICAO Assembly decided to upgrade the priority of the item “International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Aircraft Equipment)” within the General Work Programme of the ICAO Legal Committee and to urge the Legal Committee to pursue this matter with a view to convening a Diplomatic Conference at the earliest possible date. [{C-WP/10979 – ICAO Council 155th Session \(Montreal, 11 October 1998\): Subject No. 16 Legal Work of the Organization}](#)

The Chairman of the ICAO Legal Committee decided in October to establish a Sub-Committee of the Legal Committee “to study the subject of a draft instrument or

draft instruments relating to international interests in mobile equipment, with particular reference to aircraft equipment”. [{C-WP/10981 – ICAO Council 155th Session \(Montreal, 11 October 1998\): International Interests in Mobile Equipment \(Aircraft Equipment\)}](#)

1999:

In February, the *First Joint Session of the UNIDROIT Committee of Governmental Experts for the preparation of a draft Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and a draft Protocol thereto on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment and the Sub-Committee of the ICAO Legal Committee on the study of international interests in mobile equipment (aircraft equipment)*, chaired by Ms Emilia Chiavarelli (Italy), was held in Rome consider the preliminary draft UNIDROIT Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and the preliminary draft Protocol on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment. [{CGE-Int. Int. 2 – First Joint Session \(Rome, 1-12 February 1999\): Report}](#)

The *Registration Working Group of the Joint Session*, chaired by Mr Ronald C.C. Cuming (Canada), met in Rome for the first time in February to consider the provisions of the preliminary draft Convention concerned with the international registration system, the modalities of registration and the liabilities and immunities of the International Registry and the provisions of the preliminary draft Aircraft Protocol concerned with registration of international interests in aircraft objects. [{Study LXXIIC – Doc. 1 – Study Group for the preparation of uniform rules on international interests in mobile equipment: Working Group to consider the legal and technical issues raised by the establishment of an international register – Exploratory report prepared by Professor R.C.C. Cuming \(University of Saskatchewan\)}](#)

The *Registration Working Group* met informally in New York in June in order to discuss the features of an electronic International Registry for international interests in aircraft objects.

The *Informal Insolvency Working Group of the Joint Session*, chaired by Miss Catherine R. Allen (United Kingdom), met in Rome in July to consider the insolvency-related provisions of the preliminary draft Convention and the preliminary draft Aircraft Protocol. [{CGE-Int. Int. 2 – Second Joint Session \(Montreal, 24 August – 3 September 1999\): Working Paper 19}](#)

The *Second Joint Session of the UNIDROIT Committee of Governmental Experts and the Sub-Committee of the ICAO Legal Committee* was held in Montreal in August/September to continue consideration of the preliminary draft UNIDROIT Convention and the preliminary draft Aircraft Protocol, as revised at the First Joint Session. [{CGE-Int. Int. 2 – Second Joint Session \(Montreal, 25 August – 3 September 1999\): Report}](#)

The *Registration Working Group* met in Montreal in August/September to complete its consideration of the registration provisions of the preliminary draft

Convention and the preliminary draft Aircraft Protocol. [{CGE/Int. Int. 2 –Second Joint Session \(Montreal, 25 August – 3 September 1999\): Report, Attachment D}](#)

The *Insolvency Working Group of the Joint Session*, chaired by Mr Bryan Welch (United Kingdom), met in Montreal in August/September. [{CGE-Int. Int. 2 – Second Joint Session \(Montreal, 25 August – 3 September 1999\): Report, Attachment C}](#)

The *Public International Law Working Group of the Joint Session*, chaired by Ms Gloria T. Serobe (South Africa), met informally in Montreal in August/September to organise the task of considering a number of problem areas of a public international law nature identified during the Joint Session’s second reading of the preliminary draft Convention and preliminary draft Aircraft Protocol referred to it by the Second Joint Session. [{CGE-Int. Int. 2 – Second Joint Session \(Montreal, 25 August – 3 September 1999\): Report}](#)

The *Ad hoc Drafting Group of the Second Joint Session*, chaired by Mr Karl F. Kreuzer (Germany), met in Rome in November to complete the drafting work left uncompleted by the Second Joint Session and to prepare revised texts of the preliminary draft Convention and the preliminary draft Aircraft Protocol for the third Joint Session. [{3-WP/3 – Ad Hoc Drafting Group \(Rome, 25-27 November 1999\): Report}](#)

The *Public International Law Working Group* met for a first time in Cape Town and on the Blue Train *en route* to Pretoria in December. [{3-WP/3 – Public International Law Working Group \(Cape Town/ en route to Pretoria, 8-11 December 1999\): Report}](#)

2000:

The Chairman of the ICAO Legal Committee decided in March to appoint a Rapporteur (Mr Gilles Lauzon Q.C. (Canada)) on the subject “International Interests in Mobile Equipment (Aircraft Equipment)”.

The *Third Joint Session of the UNIDROIT Committee of Governmental Experts and the Sub-Committee of the ICAO Legal Committee* was held in Rome in March to finalise a draft [UNIDROIT] Convention on International Interests in Mobile Equipment and a draft Protocol thereto on Matters specific to Aircraft Equipment, on the basis of the texts of the preliminary draft Convention and the preliminary draft Aircraft Protocol revised by the *ad hoc* Drafting Group. [{CGE-Int. Int. 3 Third Joint Session \(Rome, 20-31 March\): Report}](#)

The *Public International Law Working Group* met for a second and final time in Rome in March. [{CGE-Int. Int. 3 – Third Joint Session \(Rome, 20-31 March\): Working Paper 18}](#)

The *Ad hoc International Registry Task Force of the Joint Session*, co-chaired by Mr Georges Grall (France) and Mr Joseph R. Standell (United States of America), met

informally in Rome in March to organise the task of preparing for the establishment of the International Registry for aircraft objects referred to it by the Third Joint Session.

At its 79th session, held in Lisbon in April, the Governing Council decided that the texts of the draft [UNIDROIT] Convention and the draft Aircraft Protocol were ready for submission to a diplomatic Conference, and authorised the Secretariat to make arrangements for the holding of such a Conference as early as practicable in 2001 and to proceed on the basis of the texts annexed to the Report of the Drafting Committee of the Third Joint Session in concluding arrangements with the Government of South Africa or, failing this, the Government of Ireland or another interested Government to host the diplomatic Conference. {UNIDROIT Annual Report 2001 }

At the Fifth Meeting of its 160th Session, held in Montreal in May, the ICAO Council decided to refer the draft [UNIDROIT] Convention and the draft Aircraft Protocol for consideration to the 31st Session of the ICAO Legal Committee. [{Doc 9765-LC/191 – Report on the 31st Session of the Legal Committee of ICAO \(Montreal, 28 August – 8 September 2002\)}](#)

The *International Registry Task Force* met for the first time in Paris in June to consider a draft request for proposals, a draft requirements document and a draft regarding the process for the soliciting and evaluation of proposals.

The International Registry Task Force submitted its First Report to the UNIDROIT and ICAO Secretariats in July. {Need copy of report }

At its 31st Session, held in Montreal in August/September and chaired by Mr Gilles Lauzon (Canada), further considered the draft [UNIDROIT] Convention and the draft Aircraft Protocol. [{Doc 9765-LC/191 – Report on the 31st Session of the Legal Committee of ICAO \(Montreal, 28 August – 8 September 2000\)}](#)

The *International Registry Task Force* met in Montreal in August/September for the assignment of preliminary papers in respect of certain special subjects. [{Doc 9765-LC/191 – Report on the 31st Session of the Legal Committee of ICAO \(Montreal, 28 August – 8 September 2000\)}](#)

At the Ninth Meeting of its 161st Session, held in Montreal in November, the ICAO Council decided to authorise the circulation of the draft Convention and the draft Aircraft Protocol as they had emerged from the 31st Session of the ICAO Legal Committee to Contracting States and international Organisations and the convening of a diplomatic Conference, in principle in South Africa starting in May 2001. [{C-DEC 161/9 – ICAO Council 161st Session, Ninth Meeting 22 November: Summary of Decisions}](#)

2001:

The *International Registry Task Force* met for a second time in Dublin in January to approve papers relating to the acquisition process for the International Registry.

The joint mission of administrative officers from UNIDROIT and ICAO was carried out to South Africa in January, pursuant to the decision taken by the ICAO Council at the Ninth Meeting of its 161st Session, held in Montreal in November 2000, to discuss the financial implications of, and administrative arrangements for a diplomatic Conference in South Africa with a view to the taking by the ICAO Council of a final decision regarding the venue and date of such a Conference. [{C-DEC 161/9 – ICAO Council 161st Session, Ninth Meeting 22 November: Summary of Decisions}](#)

The *International Registry Task Force* met for a third time in Washington, D.C. in February to finalise discussion of a paper on the basic features of the International Registry, to be enclosed with the Request for Proposals.

Also in February, the *International Registry Task Force* submitted its Second Report to the UNIDROIT and ICAO Secretariats, enclosing final acquisition papers and recommendations as to their issuance. {DCME-IP/1 – Second report of the International Registry Task Force}

At the Eleventh Meeting of its 162nd Session, held in Montreal in March, the ICAO Council decided that the diplomatic Conference should be held in Cape Town from 29 October to 16 November 2001. [{C-WP/11655 – ICAO Council 164th Session: Legal Work of the Organization}](#)

The *International Registry Task Force* met for a fourth time in Geneva in September in order to finalise expert papers and consider the cost and timing of the setting up of the International Registry.

The International Registry Task Force submitted its Third Report to the UNIDROIT and ICAO Secretariats, enclosing draft Regulations for the International Registry, a draft outline on private law aspects of the relationship between the Supervisory Authority and the International Registry, a paper on the liability of the International Registry and another on funding/cost recovery methods for the International Registry, in October. [{DCME-IP/4 – Third report of the International Registry Task Force}](#)

The *Diplomatic Conference to Adopt a Mobile Equipment Convention and an Aircraft Protocol*, convened under the joint auspices of UNIDROIT and ICAO, was held in Cape Town from 29 October to 16 November.

{Intergovernmental Negotiation Materials}

{Materials Related to the Diplomatic Conference}

{Materials Contemplated by the Diplomatic Conference}