

DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO ADOPT A MOBILE EQUIPMENT CONVENTION AND AN AIRCRAFT PROTOCOL

(Cape Town, 29 October to 16 November 2001)

DRAFT RESOLUTION

RELATING TO THE CONVENING OF FUTURE INFORMAL AND PRELIMINARY MEETINGS TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL TOPICS

(Presented by the United States)

THE CONFERENCE,

MINDFUL of the provisions of the Convention and Protocol completed at the Cape Town Diplomatic Conference;

DESIROUS of promoting a dynamic and continuing process to extend the Convention where appropriate;

WISHING to promote continued interaction of participating States, industry associations and others;

RESOLVES:

TO ENCOURAGE the convening of meetings to undertake preliminary discussions which can be considered at a later date by the Review Committees as foreseen by the treaty system;

TO ADOPT for that purpose the following Resolution:

"In order to explore possible additional topics which could be recommended for consideration by working groups pursuant to Article 51 of the Convention and Article XXXII of the Aircraft Protocol and corresponding Articles, if any, of any additional Protocols;

Any two or more Contracting States may initiate meetings of Negotiating States and request assistance from the Secretariats for that purpose to discuss, on a preliminary and non-binding basis, such topics for possible future consideration as may be appropriate;

Meetings, if any, so convened may wish to review topics not considered by the Diplomatic Conference, which may have become more timely or suitable for future consideration.

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Examples might be inclusion of smaller aircraft and inclusion of aircraft performing governmental functions. In addition, the feasibility of extending the provisions of the Convention to air transportation facilities such as airport development could be explored.

Any resulting recommendations may be transmitted to the Secretariats for further consideration and distribution."

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