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PROPOSAL

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY

(Submitted jointly by the delegations of France and the United States of America)

This working paper examines the next steps necessary to establish the International Registry under the Convention and the Aircraft Protocol, and to ensure that it will be ready when the Protocol enters into force.

1. – Discussion

The Convention and Aircraft Protocol set forth the general requirements for the operation of the International Registry. However, it remains necessary to analyse other factors before the International Registry may begin operations. An informal meeting of eleven delegations, ICAO, IATA, and AWG took place on 24 March 2000 to discuss this issue and to share views. This informal meeting agreed that certain immediate steps should be taken during the plenary.

It is necessary that an early decision is made concerning the operations of the International Registry. Any delay will have negative consequences once the Convention and Protocol enter into force. Therefore, it is proposed that an ad hoc task force be established. This task force must include registration experts and representatives of industry (AWG and IATA) as technical advisors. The task force should be established as soon as possible and meet as needed to accomplish its purposes, e.g., perhaps in Paris this summer. In the meantime, the task force would communicate by electronic mail.

The terms of reference for the task force should include a consideration of the following factors for the operation of the International Registry:

- (a) Development of the basic requirements of a modern, computer-based system.
- (b) Development of a request for proposal that will solicit specific information from interested States concerning their proposals for:
 - (i) design of hardware, software, communications, security, and complimentary systems (including links with registration facilities);
 - (ii) identity of the Registrar or operator of the International Registry;
 - (iii) location and facilities of the International Registry;
 - (iv) anticipated times for completing components of systems and when the International Registry would be operational;
 - (v) start-up and on-going costs associated with development and operation of the International Registry, including costs associated with the Supervisory Authority;
 - (vi) implementation of regulations; and
 - (vii) any other matter related to the practicalities of implementing the International Registry.
- (c) Development of a process for soliciting proposals from interested parties and evaluating proposals.
- (d) Analysis of submitted proposals for technical responsiveness.
- (e) Issuance of a final report on all of the above.

2. – Recommendation

Plenary is requested to establish a task force to carry out the proposed terms of reference. Any delay could result negatively on the early and effective implementation of the Convention and Aircraft Protocol.