

The multilateral treaty has been of immense benefit to the international community in terms of the progressive development and codification of international law and, of equal importance, in providing a means of reconciling opposing views and establishing the kind of international cooperation which permits the day-to-day affairs of states to proceed. A better understanding of the methods and process of multilateral treaty-making is necessary if we are to have the maximum benefits of this process. Canada fully supports a comprehensive review of the multilateral treaty-making process which would help to ensure that the codification of international practice in all areas continues to contribute both to the development of international law and to the strengthening of inter-state relations.

### 3. Security of International Civil Aviation

Among the highlights of the thirty-second session of the United Nations General Assembly was the inclusion on its agenda of the question of the security of international civil aviation, following a request by the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA). The General Assembly referred the question to the Special Political Committee. After numerous consultations, the latter adopted by consensus a resolution which, in particular, reiterated the General Assembly's condemnation of any act of air piracy, asked the States to take the necessary measures to prevent such acts and to ratify the existing conventions, and requested the ICAO to urgently make a more sustained effort to ensure the safety of air routes.

On November 2, 1977, Miss Coline Campbell, M.P., Canadian representative to the Special Political Committee, made the following statement on this subject.

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Canada joined with other member States in urging the inscription of the item entitled "The Safety of International Civil Aviation" as an important and urgent matter requiring immediate consideration by the General Assembly. We share the deep concern of the international community and of the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA) about the recent escalation of brutal attacks against civil aviation. Events in the past two weeks have tragically highlighted the need for prompt international action to prevent and combat such acts. Canada wishes to take this opportunity to express its sadness and shock at the two recent hijackings which have both led to the death of innocent human beings during that period. Canada wishes to express its sympathy to the German and Vietnamese Governments and its deepest condolences to the families of the victims.