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DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON THE SUPPRESSION OF
UNLAWFUL ACTS OF VIOLENCE AT AIRPORTS
ELECTS CANADIAN PRESIDENT

The Department of External Affairs today announced the election of Mr. Philippe Kirsch, Director of the Legal Operations Division in the Department of External Affairs, as President of the International Conference on Air Law which is currently meeting at the Headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal.

The Conference is the result of a Canadian proposal, adopted by the 26th Assembly of ICAO in September 1986, to develop a new legal instrument designed to eliminate safe havens for perpetrators of unlawful acts of violence at airports serving international civil aviation. The Canadian government took this initiative after the tragic attacks at the Rome and Vienna airports in December 1985, in accordance with its policy of contributing to international efforts to develop additional measures to combat terrorism.

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