

adopted unanimously by the Canadian House of Commons on September 12, 1983 included the following provision: "Demands that the Soviet Government cooperate fully in any impartial investigation under the auspices of the United Nations and of the International Civil Aviation Organization to prevent any repetition of such a tragedy." I have asked that the text of this resolution be distributed to all members of ICAO.

The Secretary General should be requested to keep the Council informed, by memorandum, of the action taken pursuant to its directive to him pending submission of the report on the investigation.

It is our judgement that with the full cooperation of all parties concerned such an investigation could be accomplished by the end of October this year at the latest. We would hope that an interim report could be presented to the Council within the next fourteen days.

A second requirement, which we consider could be fulfilled in parallel with the conduct of the investigation, is for an urgent examination of whether all the relevant provisions of the Chicago Convention and its annexes are being fully implemented by its contracting states, whether these provisions are adequate and to what extent they need to be amended or supplemented, and, in particular, ways to improve the compatibility of communications systems between military and civil aircraft and between such aircraft and ground systems, and measures to improve procedures relating to the identification and interception of civil aircraft. It is our view that this examination and preparation of recommendations could be entrusted to the Air Navigation Commission and that its report too should be submitted to the Council by the end of October at the latest.

When these two reports are available, the Council should meet again early in November to consider them and prepare recommendations for submission to the Assembly as soon as possible. If necessary, the Assembly should meet in special session to take appropriate action on the Council's recommendations.

My Delegation has been working, both independently and in cooperation with other concerned delegations, on the preparation of what we hope will be a draft resolution suitable for adoption by the Council. The resolution will be intended