

The proposal received unanimous support at the Assembly which adopted a resolution, sponsored by 35 delegations representing all regional groups, to refer the subject to ICAO's Legal Committee for the preparation of the text of a draft instrument. There are a number of technical, legal issues which the Committee will have to address, e.g. the identification and definition of the offences to be covered; the scope of application (i.e. how an airport is to be defined or described) and whether the new instrument should take the form of a separate agreement or an amendment to the Montreal Convention. The Legal Committee of ICAO will meet early in 1987 to complete a draft text and a diplomatic conference will be convened later in the year to adopt a new instrument.