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The attached communication is circulated at the request of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to the members of the Group of Negotiations on Services. It contains Resolution A27-14 on the subject of trade in services which was adopted by the 27th Session of the ICAO Assembly, held in Montreal from 19 September to 6 October 1989.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution A27/14: Trade in services

Whereas the 26th Session of the Assembly addressed the issue of the impact of trade in services negotiations on international air transport;

Whereas, in pursuance of Resolution A26-14, the Council has continuously and actively promoted an understanding of the role of ICAO and of the existing structure of international agreements regarding air transport;

Concerned about recent activities in the international air transport field undertaken or proposed in the context of international negotiations on trade in services being conducted under the Uruguay Round by the Group of Negotiations on Services;

Recognizing that all parties engaged in these negotiations should be fully aware of the provisions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation and of the particular mandate and role of ICAO in the international air transport field;

Considering that these parties should also take into account the existing structure of international agreements regarding air transport and the potential for disruption of this structure;

Recognizing that the objectives of the trade in services negotiations under the Uruguay Round may be relevant to international air transport;

Welcoming the co-operation and co-ordination which has developed between ICAO and the bodies concerned with these negotiations;

The Assembly:

1. Reaffirms that ICAO is the multilateral body in the United Nations system competent to deal with international air transport;

2. Requests the Group of Negotiations on Services and Contracting States participating in its negotiations:

- a) to take full account of ICAO's constitutional responsibility for international air transport matters and of the existing regulatory framework for international air transport; and
- b) to ensure that the Chairman of the Group continues to invite ICAO to participate in the work of the Group when the subjects under discussion concern international air transport;

3. Urges Contracting States which participate in any multilateral negotiations on trade in services where international air transport is included:

- a) to ensure that their representatives are fully aware of potential conflicts with the existing legal system for the regulation of international air transport; and
- b) to promote a full understanding of the role of ICAO and the competence it has developed in international air transport;

4. Requests the Council:

- a) to follow closely developments relating to trade barriers in international air transport and to study the applicability of trade in services concepts and principles to this sector in co-operation with the Secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and with the Group of Negotiations on Services;
- b) to consider convening an Air Transport Conference to examine this matter and formulate an appropriate position;
- c) to continue to actively promote a full understanding by the Group of Negotiations on Services and other international bodies dealing with trade in services of the role of ICAO in international air transport and of the existing structure of international agreements regarding air transport; and
- d) to take any other appropriate action in the light of developments related to multilateral trade in services negotiations involving international air transport;

5. Declares that this Resolution supersedes Assembly Resolution A26-14.