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MEASURES TO PREVENT INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM WHICH ENDANGERS OR
TAKES INNOCENT HUMAN LIVES OR
JEOPARDIZES FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS
AND STUDY OF THE UNDERLYING CAUSES
OF THOSE FORMS OF TERRORISM AND
ACTS OF VIOLENCE WHICH LIE IN
MISERY, FRUSTRATION, GRIEVANCE
AND DESPAIR AND WHICH CAUSE SOME
PEOPLE TO SACRIFICE HUMAN LIVES,
INCLUDING THEIR OWN, IN AN ATTEMPT
TO EFFECT RADICAL CHANGES:

- (a) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL;
- (b) CONVENING, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE UNITED NATIONS, OF AN
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO DEFINE
TERRORISM AND TO DIFFERENTIATE IT
FROM THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES FOR
NATIONAL LIBERATION

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Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the General Assembly and of the Security Council the attached communication that he has received from the President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 10 July 1989 from the President of the Council
of the International Civil Aviation Organization to the
Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 635 (1989), adopted unanimously on 14 June 1989. In that resolution, inter alia, the Council urges ICAO to intensify its work on devising an international régime for the marking of plastic or sheet explosives for the purpose of detection.

I am pleased to inform you that during its 127th session (20th meeting, held on 29 June 1989), the Council of ICAO considered the report of the Ad Hoc Group of Specialists on the Detection of Explosives and decided to include in the general work programme of the ICAO Legal Committee, with the highest and overriding priority, the subject "Preparation of a new legal instrument regarding the marking of explosives for detectability". The ICAO Council also decided to seek the endorsement of the twenty-seventh session of the ICAO Assembly (19 September-6 October 1989) with respect to this subject and to inform the United Nations and other related organizations of the ICAO action.

I should be grateful if you could kindly bring this information on the ICAO action to the attention of the Security Council and of the General Assembly, in particular of its Sixth Committee.

(Signed) Assad KOTAITE
