

**ADMINISTRATIVE PACKAGE FOR RATIFICATION OF THE  
PROTOCOL AMENDING ARTICLE 50 (A)  
OF THE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION (2016)**

**1) Full Name of Instrument:**

*Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation [Article 50(a)], signed at Montréal on 6 October 2016. (Doc 10077)*

**2) History:**

Assembly – 39th Session, Montréal, 27 September to 6 October 2016

**3) Summary:**

This fifth amendment to Article 50 (a) provides for an increase in the size of the Council from thirty-six members to forty members. The original Convention called for a Council composed of twenty-one members. This was subsequently amended, in 1961, to provide for twenty-seven members, in 1971, for thirty members, in 1974, for thirty-three members, and in 1990, for thirty-six members.

**4) Main reasons for ratification:**

In view of the growth in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) membership and the expansion and rising importance of international air transport for the national economies in many countries, an enlarged membership of the Council ensures a better balance in the representation of Contracting States.

Moreover, pursuant to ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-5, Contracting States are recommended to ratify most urgently this amendment to Article 50 (a) of the Convention.

**5) Entry into force:**

The Protocol shall come into force in respect of the States which have ratified it on the date on which the one hundred and twenty-eighth instrument of ratification is so deposited. With respect to any Contracting State ratifying the Protocol after the date aforesaid, the Protocol shall come into force upon deposit of its instrument of ratification with ICAO.

**6) Information on Instrument of Ratification**

An instrument of ratification in original form is required for deposit, in any of the ICAO working languages (English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish). Photocopies, scanned copies, electronic signatures or facsimiles will not be accepted.

**7) Depositary:**

The Secretary General  
International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
Attention: Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau  
999 Robert-Bourassa Boulevard  
Montréal, Canada  
H3C 5H7

**Attachment**

Model Instrument of Ratification

**MODEL  
INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION  
BY THE [NAME OF STATE]**

*WHEREAS* the [name of State] is a party to the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944 (hereinafter "the Convention"), having adhered thereto on [date of adherence];

*WHEREAS* the aforesaid Convention has been amended by the Protocol hereinafter mentioned:

**Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* [Article 50(a)], signed at Montréal on 6 October 2016;**

*AND CONSIDERING* it desirable that the [name of State] should become party to this Protocol of Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation;

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, [name and title of the Head of State, Head of Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs] declare that the Government of the [name of State], having examined the said Protocol of Amendment, hereby *RATIFIES* the same, and confirms that the [name of State] shall abide by all of the provisions therein contained.

*IN WITNESS THEREOF*, I have signed this Instrument of Ratification at [place] on [date].

Date

[Original signature by Head of State,  
Head of Government or  
Minister for External Affairs]

[Original Seal]