der-Vereinten Nationen und gemäß Artikel 83 der Konvention über die internationale -Zivilluftfahrt (Chikago, 1944) registriert.

J» Artikel 16

- 1. Jeder Vertragsstaat kann diese Konvention durch schriftliche Mitteilung an die Depositarregierungen kündigen.
- 2. D.ie Kündigung wird sechs Monate nach Eingang der Mitteilung bei den Depositarregierungen wirksam.

Zu Urkund dessen haben die Unterzeichneten, von ihren Regierungen hierzu gehörig bevollmächtigten Vertreter diese Konvention unterzeichnet.

Ausgefertigt. in Montreal am dreiundzwanzigsten September eintausendneunhunderteinundsiebzig, in drei Originalen, jedes bestehend aus vier authentischen Texten in englischer, französischer, russischer, und spanischer Sprache.

CONVENTION FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF UNLAWFUL ACTS AGAINST THE SAFETY OF CIVIL AVIATION

THE STATES PARTIES TO THIS CONVENTION

CONSIDERING that Junlawful -acts against the safety of civil aviation jeopardize the safety of persons and property, seriously affect the operation of air services, and undermine the confidence of the peoples of the world in the safety of civil aviation;

CONSIDERING that the occurrence of such acts is a matter of grave concern;

CONSIDERING that, for the purpose of deterring such acts, there is an urgent need to provide appropriate measures for punishment of offenders^

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

- Any person commits an offence if he unlawfully and intentionally:
 - (a) performs an act of violence against a person on board an aircraft in flight if that act is likely to endanger the safety of that aircraft; or
 - (b) destroys an aircraft in service or causes damage to such an aircraft which renders it incapable of flight ,, or which is likely to endanger its safety in flight; or
 - (c) places Or causes to be placed on an aircraft in service, by any means whatsoever, a device or substance
 - *• which is likely- to destroy that aircraft,- or to cause damage to it which renders it incapable of flight, or to cause damage to it which is likely to endanger its safety in flight; or
 - (d) destroys or damages air navigation facilities or interferes with their operation, if any such act is likely to endanger the safety of aircraft in flight; or
- '(e) communicates information which he knows to be false, thereby endangering the safety of an aircraft in flight.
- 2. Any person also commits an offence if he:
 - (a) attempts to commit any of the offences mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article, or
 - (b) is an accomplice of a person who commits or attempts to commit any such offence.

ARTICLE 2-

For the purposes of this Convention: ■

- (a) an aircraft is considered to be in flight at any time from the moment-when all its external doors are closed following embarkation until the moment when any such door is opened for disembarkation; in -the case of a forced landing, the flight shall be deemed to continue until the competent authorities take over the responsibility for the aircraft and for persons and property on board;
- (b) an aircraft is considered to be in service from the beginning of the preflight preparation of the aircraft, by ground personnel or by the crew for a specific
 - flight until twenty-four hours after any landing; the period of service shall, in any event, extend for the entire period during which the aircraft is in flight as defined in paragraph (a) of this Article.

ARTICLE 3

Each Contracting State undertakes to make the offences mentioned in'Article I punishable by severe penalties.

ARTICLE 4

- 1. This Convention shall not apply to aircraft used in military, customs or police services.
- 2. In the cases contemplated in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of paragraph *I* of Article 1, this Convention shall apply, irrespective of whether the aircraft is engaged in an international or domestic flight, only if:
 - (a) the place of take-off or landing, actual or intended, of the aircraft is situated outside the territory of the State of registration of that aircraft; or
 - (b) the offence is committed in the territory of a State other than the State of registration of the aircraft.
- 3. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of this Article, in the cases contemplated in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of paragraph 1 of Article 1, this Convention shall also apply if the offender or the alleged offender is found in the territory of a State other than the State of registration of the aircraft.
- 4. With respect to the States mentioned ip Article 9 and in the cases mentioned in subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of paragraph 1 of Article 1, this Convention shall not apply "if the places referred to in subparagraph (a) Of paragraph 2 of this Article are situated within the territory of the same State where that State is' one of those referred to in Article 9, unless the offence is committed or the offender or alleged offender is found in the territory-of a State other than that State.
- 5. In the cases contemplated in subparagraph (d) of paragraph 1 of Article 1, this Convention shall apply only if the air navigation facilities are used in international air navigation.
- The provisions of paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this Article shall also apply in the cases contemplated in paragraph 2 of Article 1.

ARTICLE 5

- Each Contracting State shall take sudi measures as may be necessary to establish its jurisdiction over the offences in the following cases:
 - (a) when the offence is committed in the territory of that State;
 - (b) when the offence is' committed against or on board an aircraft registered in that State; -,
 - (c) when- the aircraft on board which the offence is committed lands in its territory with, the alleged offender still on board;