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MEETING TO THE LEGAL COMMITTEE OF ICAO TO BE HELD IN RIO DE JANEIRO

Montreal, 4 December 1952 -- The Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization has accepted the invitation of the Brazilian government to hold the Ninth Session of the Legal Committee of the Organization in Brazil.

The main task of this meeting of the Legal Committee, which will convene on 25 August 1953 in Rio de Janeiro, will be to study and revise the text of a draft convention prepared by a subcommittee of legal experts in Paris last January, which is intended to replace or amend the Warsaw Convention.

The Warsaw Convention is one of the most important international air law texts, since it lays down rules governing the liability of air carriers and also fixes the limits of such liability in the case of damage caused to either passengers or cargo.

The Legal Committee of ICAO composed of judges, professors of law, barristers and experts in international air law, is, together with the Air Navigation Commission, the Air Transport Committee and the Joint Support Committee, one of the permanent bodies of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

The Legal Committee of ICAO has already prepared a convention on the international recognition of rights in aircraft (Geneva 1948) and a convention on compensation for damage caused by foreign aircraft to third parties on the surface (Rome 1952).

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