**AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS AND INTERNATIONAL LIABILITY REGIMES: AN APPRAISAL**

**Abstract:**

In the recent decades the use of aircraft as a means of transport has increased extensively due to the fast pace of globalization all over the world. At the same time the dangers involved in aircraft travel cannot be ignored as it directly affects the life and safety of passengers as well as the safety of cargos. The numerous aircraft accidents all over the world during the past few decades raise various legal questions such as who should be held liable, what can be the nature of liability and who can be the claimant. International law has tried to address these issues since the early 20th century. The International legal regime developed various instruments collectively called as the Warsaw System to deal with this issue. However as it was inadequate, the International Air Transport Association developed some agreements known as the IATA agreements. Further in 1999, the Montreal Convention was adopted. In view of the increase in aircraft accidents and liability issues it is necessary to examine the adequacy of the international legal regime. This paper seeks to examine the international legal regime and its adequacy with respect to aircraft accidents and liability issues.

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