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This year's edition of the *Cape Town Convention Journal* (the 'CTC Journal') follows the 97th session of the UNIDROIT Governing Council, which approved the convening of a Diplomatic Conference in 2019 to adopt a new protocol to the Cape Town Convention (the 'CTC', 'Convention') on mining, agricultural and construction equipment (the 'MAC Protocol'). If finalised in Pretoria in November 2019, the MAC Protocol will signal the first expansion of the CTC regime to cover mobile equipment not expressly listed in the Convention (aircraft objects, railway rolling stock and space assets). In the light of the possible adoption of the fourth CTC protocol, two articles published in this issue focus on the set up of an International Registry under the upcoming treaty: a comparative legal analysis of the Aircraft Protocol and the draft MAC Protocol (W. Brydie-Watson) and an outline of key challenges in designing the new International Registry (R. Cowan).

Beyond reflecting the increasing level of interest towards the MAC Protocol, this year's issue includes scholarly articles relevant for the Cape Town Convention system as a whole – in line with the journal's focus on *in-depth, qualitative analysis of important, difficult or complex topics* related to the Convention and its protocols. B. Whittaker looks at the extent to which floating security structures are possible under the CTC and each of its protocols (including the upcoming MAC Protocol). K. Gray and J. Wool offer a detailed analysis of the legal implications of the use of trusts in aircraft finance and leasing transactions subject to the Aircraft Protocol. A. Veneziano explores the contours of 'commercial reasonableness' in the CTC. This issue is concluded by two articles focusing on issues of jurisdiction and enforcement of court judgments under the Convention: G. Cuniberti argues that the CTC should be interpreted as entailing an implicit obligation to enforce foreign judgments, whereas senior asset finance experts (S. Kennedy and G. Carey) examine in their short study the bases on which the Irish courts assume jurisdiction in cases involving challenges to registrations under the Aircraft Protocol.

As in previous years, all papers in this issue of the CTC Journal were the subject of a conference held in Oxford under the auspices of the Cape Town Convention Academic Project. The format of the conference is designed to facilitate intensive discussion, with a presenter (the author or co-authors of the paper) and one or more commentators. We were joined by senior academics, practitioners, representatives of international organisations and other officials, who offered their insightful comments and enriched the debate. The resulting scrutiny of each author's arguments and methodology by the key professionals in the area of secured transactions laws and asset financing ensures that only the highest quality materials are published in the CTC Journal.

