



COUNCIL — 225TH SESSION

FOURTH MEETING

(FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2022, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Situation in Ukraine

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral statement delivered by the President of the Council, together with a PowerPoint presentation from the Secretary General.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) recalled the preamble of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* (Chicago Convention), which identifies the need to avoid friction and instead promote cooperation and friendship among nations and peoples, on which the peace of the world depends;
 - b) condemns the violation of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of a United Nations Member State, including sovereign airspace, which is inconsistent with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and Article 1 of the Chicago Convention;
 - c) expressed its grave concerns on the latest developments in Ukraine and solidarity with its people, aligned itself with the sentiments expressed by the United Nations Secretary-General in his statements to the United Nations General Assembly on 23 and 24 February 2022;
 - d) underscored the paramount importance of preserving the safety and security of international civil aviation and the related obligations of Member States and in this context, urged the Russian Federation to cease its unlawful activities, to ensure the safety and security of civil aviation in all affected areas and to respect its obligations under the Chicago Convention as well as other relevant international civil aviation treaties, and called upon all parties to seek to resolve the crisis through peaceful dialogue and diplomatic channels;
 - e) recalled with deep sorrow the human suffering that was caused as a result of the downing of flight MH17 in the east of Ukraine on 17 July 2014, and underlined that such a tragedy should never happen again;
 - f) reconfirmed its support to the “Safer Skies” initiative relating to improving international efforts to safeguard civilian flight operations over or in the vicinity of conflict zones as affirmed in the decisions previously taken in this regard, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to continue to monitor the situation in Ukraine in order to assure safe operations over the relevant territorial area; and
 - g) requested the President and the Secretary General to convey to the public these sentiments of the ICAO Council.

Report on Technical Cooperation Programme Development

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Secretary General, which reported on the preliminary financial and operational performance results of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) for the year ending 31 December 2021. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Support Committee (TCC).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the operational and financial performance results of the Technical Cooperation Programme for 2021, and while reiterating its concern at the decline in the TCP implementation volume and current balance of the Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) Fund, acknowledged the proactive efforts of the Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) to develop new strategies and implement measures aimed at reversing these trends;
- b) further noted that the cost-savings measures undertaken thus far had also yielded substantial savings to the AOSC fund, and reiterated its support for the review of the current cost-sharing arrangement between the AOSC Fund and the Regular Programme Budget as another means to generate potential cost-savings, and which would include the recent transfer of the Procurement section from TCB to the Bureau of Administration and Services (ADB); and
- c) acknowledged the progress made by TCB in implementing its new Business Model, as well as the next steps to be taken in this regard, including the proposed integration of the Revenue and Product Management (RPM) Section into TCB, and welcomed the clear plan of work outlined for the Bureau in 2022 and the next triennium.

Report on the Implementation of the ICAO Civil Aviation Training Policy and the Global Aviation Training Activities during 2021

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Secretary General, which provided a progress report of the Global Aviation Training (GAT) activities, including financial information and key performance indicators, undertaken over the period from 1 January to 15 November 2021. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Support Committee (TCC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in relation to the implementation of the *ICAO Civil Aviation Training Policy* and the activities conducted by GAT in 2021, and in this regard, reiterated its appreciation to GAT for its efforts to successfully adapt its business methods to a hybrid approach, which has enhanced accessibility and affordability of ICAO training for Member States;
- b) welcomed the positive results achieved by GAT in promoting training for civil aviation managers and in enhancing gender equality and inclusiveness through the provision of flexible pricing and access to subsidized training, with a view to empowering prospective and current female aviation professionals, and encouraged GAT to continue these programmes, to the extent possible;

- c) noted, with appreciation, the intention of GAT to offer complimentary access to ICAO staff to GAT's portfolio of ICAO Training Packages; and
- d) requested the Secretariat to continue to explore options to enhance collaboration between Headquarters and the Regional offices in order to increase levels of awareness within Member States of civil aviation training opportunities.

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