



## COUNCIL — 225TH SESSION

### SIXTH MEETING

(HYBRID MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2022, AT 1000 HOURS)

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

#### OPEN MEETING

#### **Review of the report of the twenty-eighth meeting of the Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP/28)**

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15348, which presented amendments to the *Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air* (Doc 9284) and supporting documentation, arising from the twenty-eighth meeting of the Dangerous Goods Panel (DGP/28).
2. Following consideration, the Council:
  - a) approved the amendments to the Technical Instructions proposed through Recommendations 1/1, 2/1, 3/1 (subject to the withdrawal of proposed amendments to Part 8) and 4/1 of the DGP/28 Meeting, as reflected in the Appendix to C-WP/15348;
  - b) approved the amendments to the Supplement to the Technical Instructions proposed through Recommendations 1/2, 2/3 and 4/2 of the DGP/28 Meeting, as reflected in the Appendix to C-WP/15348; and
  - c) noted the action taken by the Air Navigation Commission with respect to Recommendations 2/2, 2/4, 6/1 and 6/2 of the DGP/28 Meeting, as reflected in the Appendix to C-WP/15348.

#### **Annual Report on the Gender Equality Programme for 2021**

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15344, which presented an annual report for 2021 on the measures implemented to promote gender equality within the ICAO Secretariat, and the progress made to collect global aviation gender equality statistics. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).
4. Following consideration, the Council:
  - a) took note of the information presented in the working paper, which outlined the Secretariat's efforts to strengthen the Organization's work on gender equality and the empowerment of women, in line with ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-30, as well as the COG oral report thereon;
  - b) expressed concern that the proportion of women employed in the ICAO Secretariat at the professional and higher categories remained low, and in this connection, while

noting that the planned “ICAO Gender Equality Programme Implementation Plan 2.0” could serve to better mainstream and implement gender equality objectives at ICAO, requested the Secretariat to consider further measures to attract more women to consider employment within the Organization;

- c) requested the Secretariat to provide in its future annual reports on gender, a more detailed comparison between the Organization and other UN System agencies, as well as consistent data in order to allow the Council to better monitor progress and any trends within the Organization; and
- d) encouraged the Secretariat to work with the Small Group on Gender (SGG) on potential actions to enhance gender equality at ICAO, including to possibly outline specific goals or targets in this regard, and in order to update Assembly Resolution A39-30 for submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

### **ICAO Implementation Support Policy**

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15295, which presented a new ICAO Implementation Support Policy, which aimed to align the management of the Technical Cooperation and Technical Assistance programmes, projects, products, services and activities. 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) approved the *Policy on ICAO Implementation Support Provided to States* as revised by the TCC, and presented in Appendix A to the TCC oral report;
- b) took note of the proposed elements of the implementation roadmap as outlined by the Secretariat, and in this connection, expressed concern at the limited level of financial resources available for this purpose, while at the same time underscoring the importance of the governance arrangements in ensuring the successful implementation of the Policy; and
- c) requested the Secretary General to report to the Council on the implementation of the Policy during the 228th Session.

### **Draft Assembly working paper – Implementation of the ICAO Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) audit programmes**

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15311, which provided a consolidated progress report on the implementation and activities of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) and the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP) carried out over the current triennium. The Council also had for consideration oral reports thereon from both the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

8. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for the progress made to advance the USOAP and USAP Audit Programmes, as well as the adaptations and enhancements made to the programmes to overcome the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic;
  - b) took note of the critical areas identified by the USOAP and USAP CMA that most States continue to find challenging, as indicated in Appendices C and D of C-WP/15311, respectively, and taking into consideration the views expressed by the ASC and ANC in this regard, requested the Secretariat to continue to develop solutions and tools to assist Member States to address the insufficient implementation, and as a basis for future improvements to the audit Programmes;
  - c) took note of the limited resources available to the Programmes, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to address this issue in preparing the Regular Budget for the coming triennium; and
  - d) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15311, subject to the amendments requested by the ASC to the draft Assembly working paper being reflected, including in the Action paragraph b) to replace the word “evolution” with “developments”, and to re-draft Action paragraph c) to emphasize the need for Member States commitment to CMA activities, with delegated authority to the President to thereafter approve the revised working paper on its behalf, and for the revised Assembly working paper to then be submitted to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

**Progress report on the implementation of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA)**

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15305, which provided a progress report on the evolution and performance of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) in 2021. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).

10. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15305;
  - b) reiterated its appreciation to the Secretariat for the progress made to deliver improvements in the USOAP-CMA and for its continued support to Member States despite the difficult circumstances caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
  - c) welcomed the restart of on-site activities, while also recognizing that the innovations in virtual training and off-site working methods developed over the past two years of the pandemic could continue to serve as valuable components of the Programme activities.

**Results on the State consultation on the recommendation of the Ad Hoc USOAP CMA Advisory Group (USOAP-AG)**

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15306, which presented the results of the consultation with States on the recommendations arising from the Ad Hoc Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) Advisory Group

(USOAP-AG). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the replies and substantive comments received from States and international organizations, as well as the Secretariat's responses thereto (Appendices A and B to C-WP/15306);
- b) acknowledged the views expressed by the Air Navigation Commission with respect to the creation of a new "USOAP State Profile" tool under the USOAP CMA, and in this connection, agreed that completion of the package of actions identified by the Secretariat is a prerequisite for implementing any changes relating to data use in the context of the new State Profile tool, and underlined the importance for the Secretariat to ensure transparency and due diligence in developing such a product;
- c) agreed to the proposed revisions to the Ad hoc USOAP-AG recommendations as reflected in Appendix C to C-WP/15306, subject to the additional amendments requested by the Air Navigation Commission, as reflected in its oral report;
- d) requested the Secretariat to develop an action plan for the implementation of the USOAP-AG recommendations, and to report to the Council in this regard during a future session; and
- e) further requested the Secretariat to present a progress report on the improvement of the USOAP CMA to the Council during the 226th Session, including a general implementation plan and corresponding budget proposal, on the understanding that this would then be subsequently reported to the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly for consideration, deliberation and endorsement.

13. It was recorded that one Delegation expressed a reservation with the Council's decision on this item.

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