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## **COUNCIL — 225TH SESSION**

### **SEVENTH MEETING**

**(HYBRID MEETING ON FRIDAY, 4 MARCH 2022, AT 1000 HOURS)**

### **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

#### **CLOSED MEETING**

*Not available*

#### **OPEN MEETING**

#### **Review of the report of the High-level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC) – Safety Stream**

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15312, which presented the results of the Air Navigation Commission's review of the recommendations arising from the Safety Stream of the High-level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC 2021).
4. Following consideration, the Council:
  - a) approved the follow-up actions proposed on recommendations requiring Council action, as contained in Appendix A to C-WP/15312;
  - b) noted the follow-up actions to be taken by the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) under delegated authority on the remaining recommendations, as contained in Appendix A to C-WP/15312;
  - c) noted that additional resources would be required to support the implementation and follow-up of the HLCC Safety Stream recommendations, and in this regard, acknowledged the priorities assigned by the ANC to these recommendations, as reflected in Appendix B to C-WP/15312, further noting that this prioritization would be taken into account in the context of the ICAO Business Plan for the next triennium.

#### **Secretary General's sessional progress report**

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15337, which presented the Secretary General's progress report to the 225th Session.
6. Following consideration, the Council:
  - a) welcomed the comprehensive information presented on the various initiatives that had been carried out by the Secretary General and the Secretariat during the reporting period and expressed appreciation for the concrete results achieved, particularly in relation to the activities undertaken to support Member States and the aviation sector to effectively deal with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and toward building greater resilience to meet future such crises;

- b) took note of the broad range of effective measures implemented by the Secretariat consistent with the priorities and vision outlined by the Secretary General in his response to the Charter Letter, and in this connection, welcomed the strong focus of the Secretary General on a range of important areas, including ethics, accountability, transparency and fostering a constructive work environment, and encouraged him to continue his efforts in this regard; and
- c) further noted, with satisfaction, the efforts undertaken by the Secretariat in preparing the ICAO Business Plan for 2023-2025 in line with the results-based management framework and the “One ICAO” approach.

### **Annual Report to Council on Regional Offices’ activities during 2021 and operating plan 2022**

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15286, which presented an overview of the work undertaken by the ICAO Regional Offices in 2021, as well as their planned activities for 2022. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

8. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the comprehensive information provided in the annual report and expressed appreciation to the Secretariat and the Regional Offices for the critically important role they had undertaken in the course of 2021 and for the invaluable support provided to Member States in each region, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic;
- b) expressed appreciation to the Regional Directors for all their efforts to enhance their reporting to the Council, and in particular underlined the initiative undertaken by the SAM Regional Office to establish a dedicated dashboard, which has supported coordination with Member States and other stakeholders in the region and has served as a valuable monitoring and reporting tool, and in this regard, encouraged the other Regional Offices to also move in this direction;
- c) affirmed the ongoing priority of the proposed activities to be undertaken in support of Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS) and took note of the information conveyed by the Secretary General concerning the latest developments in this regard;
- d) noted in particular, the regional risks highlighted in paragraph 6 of C-WP/15286, and requested that the Secretariat continue to monitor these risks in the context of the ICAO enterprise risk management (ERM) framework, while at the same time implementing appropriate action to mitigate said risks, including through the provision of additional funding as may be required; and
- e) requested the Secretariat to explore options to address the recommendations identified in paragraph 5 of C-WP/15286, including to consider allocating additional resources to support these activities in the context of the preparation of the forthcoming triennial budget, taking into account the specific views of the COG thereon, as reflected in the oral report, while also noting that there will be a need for the Council to further reflect at a strategic level, on how to respond more effectively to the longer-term resource requirements of the Regional Offices.

### **Progress Report on Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)**

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15292, which presented a progress report on the implementation status of Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) at ICAO. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15292, as well as the views of the COG thereon;
- b) requested the Secretariat to continue to enhance its work on the ERM and the Corporate Risk Register, and in this connection, took note of the Secretariat's efforts to update the risk register on an ongoing basis and to ensure that emerging risks were clearly identified and addressed as early as practicable; and
- c) further requested the COG, with the continued guidance of the Evaluation Audit and Advisory Committee (EAAC), to closely monitor the progress made by the Secretariat in addressing the high risk areas, as presented in Appendix A to the working paper.

**Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled “Review of mainstreaming environmental sustainability across organizations of the United Nations system” (JIU/REP/2020/8)**

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15343, which outlined the recommendations and key findings from the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) report entitled “Review of mainstreaming environmental sustainability across organizations of the United Nations system” (JIU/REP/2020/8), and provided the comments of the United Nations Chief Executive Board (CEB) and response of the ICAO Secretariat. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in the working paper, including in particular, the recommendations addressed to the Council as the governing body of ICAO, as contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15343;
- b) accepted Recommendation 2, with the understanding that the text in the response column for this item would be modified, as appropriate; and
- c) requested the Secretariat to present a consolidated annual report to the Council on the implementation of JIU Recommendations 3, 5, 6, 7 and 10, in accordance with the reporting requirements outlined in Recommendation 2.

**Draft State letter on the election of the President of the Council**

13. Given the subject matter under consideration, the President of Council absented himself from the Council's consideration of this item. Accordingly, the First Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Shengjun Yang (China) presided for the purposes of the Council's deliberations.

14. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15281, which presented a draft State letter notifying Member States of the forthcoming election of the President of the Council and inviting the submission of candidatures.

15. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) requested the Secretariat to adjust the State letter prior to its issuance, in order to elaborate further on the importance of ethics, transparency, accountability and integrity as core values of the Organization, which were to be equally upheld in undertaking the role of President of the Council;
- b) subject to the amendment indicated in the preceding sub-paragraph, approved the draft State letter, in principle, on the understanding that the deadline for the submission of nominations of candidatures from Member States would be revisited during a subsequent meeting of the current Session, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to provide the Council with any relevant information on the applicable Rules of Procedure, that may be pertinent to the Council's further consideration of the matter; and
- c) requested that prior to the issuance of the State letter, the information contained in Attachment C to said letter should be updated in accordance with the net base salaries and representation allowances of the President of the Council and the Secretary General, which were outlined in C-WP/15341.

**Any other business****Hybrid meetings of the Council**

16. The Council took note of a statement by the Secretary General indicating that both the *Guidelines for Hybrid Meetings of the Council* and the current seating plan for the Assembly Hall would be updated to take into account the recent lifting of certain public health restrictions given the improved epidemiological situation in Québec. It was understood that the updated guidelines and seating plan would be circulated in due course.

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