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COUNCIL — 225TH SESSION

TWELFTH MEETING

(HYBRID MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2022, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Draft Report of the Small Group on Innovation

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Chairperson of the Small Group on Innovation (SGI), which provided an overview of the progress made pursuant to the Council's previous decision on this subject (C-DEC 224/9).
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) took note of the information presented in the oral report and expressed appreciation to the Small Group, the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and the Secretariat for their efforts to advance the Organization's work on innovation;
 - b) recalling its request to the Secretariat to make arrangements for an independent assessment to be undertaken of the Organization's engagement with innovation, taking into account the four dimensions of innovation (C-DEC 224/9, paragraph b), refers), requested the Secretariat to continue to explore options for conducting such an assessment, including with academic institutions, and to consider providing clear criteria and instructions in this regard;
 - c) agreed with the recommendations of the SGI on the need for a more visible, inclusive, coordinated, transparent and sustainable approach to the engagement between ICAO and innovators in the context of the work under each Strategic Objective, and to this end, took note that an ICAO Secretariat Strategy on Innovation had been developed to facilitate the coordination and implementation of cross-organizational initiative;
 - d) encouraged the SGI, with the support of the Secretariat, to continue to progress the work on innovation, with a view to presenting a report thereon to the 226th Session in the lead up to the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly, and taking into account Assembly Resolution A40-27;
 - e) welcomed the proposal of the President of the Air Navigation Commission to add the ANC Talks to the Council calendar in order to keep the Council apprised of these discussions and facilitate their participation therein, and in this connection, also invited

the SGI to engage with the ANC in arranging future ANC Talks that more directly support ICAO's preferred role in respect of innovation;

- f) agreed to request the Secretariat to consider engaging with Member States on the development of a list of innovators, with a view to facilitating their participation in relevant ICAO meetings; and
- g) requested the Secretariat to put in place the necessary arrangements that would facilitate participation by Council Representatives in the upcoming meeting between ICAO and the International Forum for Aviation Research (IFAR) on 5 April 2022.

Draft Regular Budget proposals of the Organization for 2023-2024-2025

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15288, which presented three scenarios for the Organization's Draft Regular Budget for the upcoming 2023-2024-2025 triennium, which were based on Member States' current assessments and those assumptions previously accepted by the Council (C-WP/15233 and C-DEC 224/5, refer). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information contained in C-WP/15288, as well as the views of the FIC thereon as reflected in its oral report, and in so doing, expressed its appreciation to both the FIC Member as well as the Secretariat for their efforts to clarify issues relating to the 2023-2024-2025 Regular Budget estimate scenarios and provided supplementary information as needed, in advance of the Council's consideration;
- b) agreed that Scenario 2 – Zero Nominal Growth (ZNG-1) should serve as the basis for the Draft Regular Budget estimates for the 2023-2024-2025 triennium, which would be supplemented by additional funding aimed at supporting the outputs related to the proposed Transformational Objective as a one-time allocation to invest in organizational improvements, and in this regard, requested the Secretariat to prepare a budget proposal on this basis (also known as "ZNG-1 Plus"), as well as to identify the need for additional funding for certain activities, including appropriate prioritization and justification for presentation and further consideration by the Council during the 226th Session;
- c) further agreed that the five focus areas identified by the FIC in paragraph 6 of the oral report provided important guidance to the Secretariat and therefore requested that these focus areas be taken into consideration in the preparation of the final Regular Budget estimate proposal;
- d) approved the establishment of a Transformational Fund for the management of voluntary contributions, complementing the resources allocated in the budget to support the implementation of the Transformational Objective; and
- e) agreed that in the course of the forthcoming triennium, and well in advance of the preparation of the 2026-2027-2028 Budget, the Council would need to consider options related to ensuring the long term sustainability and viability of the Organization, and to this end, would be supported by the Secretariat in the undertaking of this exercise.

Any other business

Statement by the Representative of Canada

5. The Council took note of the statement delivered by the Representative of Canada, and shared the concerns expressed in relation to the safety implications arising from the recent developments in Ukraine. In this connection, the Council reiterated its support for the Safer Skies Initiative as a forum for undertaking meaningful discussions on flight safety over, and in the vicinity of conflict zones, and welcomed the convening of the Second Safer Skies Forum from 29 to 30 March 2022.

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