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COUNCIL — 226TH SESSION

TENTH MEETING

(HYBRID MEETING ON MONDAY, 13 JUNE 2022, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Report of the Twenty-fifth meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee (AFI Plan SC/25)

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report and PowerPoint presentation delivered by the Secretary of the AFI Plan Steering Committee on behalf of the Chairperson.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) took note of the information presented and welcomed the achievements by the AFI Plan, despite the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of the programme activities, and in this connection, welcomed the commencement of on-site support and assistance activities during the second quarter of 2022, which would allow for closer engagement with States;
 - b) endorsed the decisions and recommendations arising from the 25th meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee, as outlined in the oral report, subject to a review being undertaken by the Secretariat on the question of whether it would be necessary for Assembly Resolution A38-7 to be updated in order to continue the AFI Plan;
 - c) underscored the need to strengthen project management capabilities in order to more effectively support the implementation of the AFI Plan recommendations; and
 - d) invited the President of the Council and the Secretary General to continue to take every opportunity to highlight the priorities of the AFI Plan in the context of their missions and meetings with high-level representatives of Member States.
3. It was understood that the substance of the comments made in the course of the Council's consideration of this item would be reflected accordingly in the summary minutes of this meeting (C-MIN 226/10), which would be issued in due course.

Draft Assembly working paper – Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies related to Facilitation

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15376, which presented a draft Assembly working paper containing proposed revisions to Assembly Resolution A40-16: *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to facilitation* in light of developments since the last Assembly. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC) and Addendum No. 1 to the working paper.

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) reiterated the need for greater consistency in the terminology used within the operative clauses of ICAO Assembly Resolutions; and
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15376, subject to the amendments requested by the ATC in its oral report and the Addendum No. 1 to the working paper being reflected, for subsequent submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

Draft Assembly working paper – Outcome of the Facilitation Stream of the High-level Conference on COVID-19

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15382, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on the outcomes of the Facilitation (FAL) Stream of the High-level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC), which include 79 recommendations endorsed by the Ministerial Plenary of the Conference. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC) and Addendum No. 1 to the working paper.

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) acknowledged the important role of facilitation in the immediate response, restart, recovery and resilience of the air transport sector, as well as the increasing importance of health-related matters within facilitation, and in noting the lack of implementation of the provisions in Annex 9 – *Facilitation* by Member States, also acknowledged the priority which had been assigned to those recommendations addressed to ICAO from the Facilitation Stream, together with the financial and resource implications of their implementation; and
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15382, subject to the amendments requested by the ATC in its oral report and the Addendum No. 1 to the working paper, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of the consideration of this item being reflected, including in relation to operative clauses 7, 12, 13 and 14, and delegated authority to the President to thereafter approve the revised working paper on its behalf, for subsequent submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

8. It was understood that the substance of the comments made in the course of the Council's consideration of this item, including the details of the proposed amendments to the draft Assembly working paper and associated Assembly Resolution would be reflected accordingly in the summary minutes of this meeting (C-MIN 226/10), which would be issued in due course.

Consolidated Report on Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) for 2021

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15370, which presented a consolidated annual report on Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs), covering the period from April 2021 to March 2022.

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the progress made and outcomes achieved by the PIRGs and RASGs, as outlined in Appendix B to the working paper, including the progress made in the regional implementation of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP);
- b) approved the actions to be taken as outlined in Appendix C to the working paper, while also noting the previous actions taken on reported global challenges reflected in Appendix D;
- c) noted the detailed information provided with respect to the level of participation in PIRG and RASG meetings, as contained in Appendix E to the working paper, and in this connection, expressed concern at the limited involvement of some State authorities in PIRG and RASG meetings as well as related activities, and the effect on the decision-making process in these bodies as a result;
- d) further noted that the information included in the consolidated report was consistent with the information provided during the 225th Session in C-WP/15286, *Annual Report on Regional Offices' Activities during 2021 and Operating Plans for 2022*; and
- e) agreed that future iterations of this report should be submitted to the COG for review of the governance aspects of issues arising, including those associated with the level of participation in meetings of the PIRGs and RASGs, as referenced in sub-paragraph c) above.

Any other business

Update by the Chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC) – ICAO's leadership in economic development of air transport

11. The Council took note of an oral update delivered by the Chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC) on the proposed work to advance the effectiveness of ICAO leadership in the implementation of the Strategic Objective, *Economic Development of Air Transport*. Pursuant to the Council's previous decision to agree with the proposal of the ATC to establish a Small Working Group (SWG) to progress the work in this area (C-DEC 226/4 refers), the Council further agreed to delegate the authority to the President of the Council to finalize the composition of the SWG, on the understanding that it would be necessary to revisit the composition following the election of the next Council at the forthcoming 41st Session of the Assembly.

Appointment of Member on the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)

12. The Council noted that in the absence of comments by 8 June 2022, to the President of the Council's email dated 1 June 2022, Mr. Martín Antonio Jacquet, from the Government of Argentina, had been appointed to serve as Member on the ANC to succeed Mr. Carlos Rubén Fernández, with effect from 11 July 2022.

Official photo of the Council

13. It was noted that an official group photo of Council Representatives would be arranged for Thursday, 23 June 2022, in the Delegates' Lounge, at approximately 1300 hours, following the adjournment of the meeting of the Council.

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