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COUNCIL — 227TH SESSION

SIXTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2022, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Appointment of the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15445, which presented the candidature of Mr. Padhraic Kelleher for the post of the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) taking into account that there was only one candidate for the post, agreed unanimously to waive the requirement set forth in paragraph 1 of Appendix D to the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, for a secret ballot to be held for the appointment of President of the ANC; and
 - b) acting in accordance with Article 56 of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* and Rule 16 c) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, agreed by means of acclamation to re-appoint Mr. Padhraic Kelleher as President of the ANC for a second one-year term, commencing on 1 January 2023.

ICT Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15460, which presented the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).
4. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) welcomed the progress made by the Secretariat in developing a comprehensive ICT Strategy and Action Plan and expressed support for the Secretariat's efforts to identify additional sources of funding for signature projects included thereunder and which are not covered by the approved Regular Budget for 2023-2025;

- b) requested the Secretariat to take into consideration the recommendations of the External Auditor and the Evaluation and Audit Advisory Committee (EAAC) in the implementation of the ICT Strategy and Action Plan, and in doing so, further requested that the Secretariat continue to ensure regular coordination with both entities in order to facilitate open and transparent dialogue, with the aim of minimizing the risks associated with the ambitious, new transformational objective;
- c) recommended that the Secretariat prioritize those projects for which financial and human resources have already been secured;
- d) reiterated the importance of the ICAO Information Security Roadmap in improving the technology maturity level of the Organization, and in strengthening data security; and
- e) requested the Secretariat to report to the Council on the status of implementation of the ICT Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025 during the 228th Session, taking into account the final report of the External Auditor in this regard, and further requested that the Secretariat should continue to keep the Council apprised, through the COG, of developments, as appropriate, including with respect to next steps and key milestones achieved.

Programme of ICAO meetings for 2023 and tentative programme of meetings for 2024-2025

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15439, which presented the programme of meetings for the year 2023 and, for planning purposes, the tentative programme of meetings for the years 2024 and 2025. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the programme of meetings for 2023 presented in Appendix A to the working paper, including the adjustments proposed by the COG thereto, as reflected in paragraph 4 of the oral report, and taking into account the additional revisions agreed by the Council over the course of its previous discussions during the current session, particularly with respect to the scheduling of CYSECP/2 and CAAF/3;
- b) also approved the revised dates for the 228th, 229th, and 230th Sessions of the Council, on the understanding that the revised schedule would be implemented on a trial basis, and in doing so, underscored the importance of balancing flexibility with predictability and stability in the schedule, and the need to ensure the full participation of all Representatives, including through hybrid meetings, as appropriate;
- c) agreed to review the new arrangements at the end of the 229th Session following the trial period, and to amend the schedule for the 230th session, if required; and
- d) took note, for planning purposes, of the programme of meetings for the years 2024 and 2025, as presented in Appendices B and C respectively, and in this connection requested the Secretariat to consider an appropriate timeframe for convening the Second ICAO Symposium on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families, either toward the end of 2024 or early 2025.

Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 228th Session

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15443, which presented the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 228th Session. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

8. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the work programme of the Council and its Committees for the 228th Session, as contained in C-WP/15443, and agreed that notwithstanding its previous decisions relating to the Annual Report of OIO (C-DEC 219/8, refers) and the Aviation Security Risk Overview (C-DEC 225/5, refers), these items could henceforth be presented in an alternative format;
- b) also approved the list of proposed informal briefings, as contained in Appendix B of the COG oral report, taking into consideration the comments of the COG in this regard, and in doing so, reiterated that all briefings should preferably be scheduled during the Committee phase of the session, and not the Council phase;
- c) underscored that the new approach for the work programmes, including the posting of information to the Council Secure portal and public website (Appendix A of the COG oral report refers), would be implemented on a trial basis, on the understanding that these arrangements would be reviewed at a subsequent Session;
- d) recalled that Council Representatives retain the right to propose additional items for consideration by the Council or the Committees, as required;
- e) underlined the importance of striking the right balance between streamlining the work programme of the Council and its Committees, with the need to ensure that the Council will continue to have the opportunity to undertake appropriate discussions on the key issues for the Organization;
- f) agreed to reinstitute the practice of arranging Council Off-site Strategy Meetings (COSM), and in doing so, identified 12 to 14 May 2023 as the tentative date for this event, and invited the President of the Council and the Secretary General to explore potential themes that may serve as the basis for the discussions during the COSM, with a view to presenting a more structured proposal to the Council in this regard during the 228th Session;
- g) requested that the Secretariat review options that would enable Council observer organizations to have access to information posted on the Council secure portal, as appropriate; and
- h) noted that the decisions taken by the Council over the course of the current Session that affect the Work Programme for the 228th Session in terms of supplementary items, amendments to existing items, or deferrals of items, and that are not currently reflected, would be incorporated in a revised version of C-WP/15443, which would be issued in due course.

Any other business**Launching of a new chat function for Council meetings**

9. The Council took note of the information presented by the Secretariat regarding the launching of a new informal chat function for use by the Council and observers, which was now available through a dedicated channel on Microsoft Teams.

Update on Council Ad Hoc Groups

10. The Council resumed its consideration of this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Council, as well as an oral update on the matter from the Committee on Governance (COG).

11. Following consideration, the Council took note of the information presented in the oral report, and agreed to:

- a) retain the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART), on the understanding that while the CART had completed most of its work, there may be a need to update the CART recommendations to reflect the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- b) retain the Steering Group on the Industry Consultative Forum (SGICF), in order to continue to contribute to the preparation of periodic ICFs;
- c) retain the Small Group on Innovation to continue to advance the work of the Council and the Organization in addressing innovation, in accordance with Assembly Resolution A40-27;
- d) retain the Small Group on ICAO Leadership in Economic Development Air Transport, it being understood that the group had only recently been established, and would commence its work imminently;
- e) retain the Small Group on Gender, in order to continue the ongoing work to identify opportunities to enhance gender equality at ICAO; and
- f) disband the Ad Hoc Group on the High-Level Meeting on LTAG (SGHLM), the Small Group on the Ethics Framework, and the Small Group on IT, considering that these groups had completed all the tasks under their respective mandates;
- g) delegated authority to the President of the Council to update the composition of those Small Groups which were to remain active, and with a view to ensuring appropriate gender balance and geographical representation; and
- h) noted that the foregoing decision was without prejudice to previous decisions taken by the Council and its Committees regarding the establishment of other informal or ad hoc groups whose work was ongoing, including on the Accountability Framework and the Long-term Financial Sustainability of the Organization.

Update on the issues relating to the investigation into anonymous e-mail messages

12. The Council commenced its consideration of this matter on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Council, which provided an overview of the steps taken by the Secretariat in relation to the investigation into anonymous e-mail messages, and the ongoing work in this regard.

13. Following its preliminary consideration, the Council took note of the clarifications provided over the course of its discussion, and agreed to resume its deliberations on this subject at the next meeting, on Friday, 2 December 2022.

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