



C-DEC 228/7
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COUNCIL — 228TH SESSION

SEVENTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 24 MARCH 2023, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Recommendations by the Technical Advisory Body (TAB) on CORSIA eligible emission units

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15473, which presented TAB's recommendations regarding the continuing eligibility of seven programmes for the CORSIA first phase (2024 to 2026 compliance period) following its re-assessment, as well as the application of a 2021 vintage start date parameter for the first phase in addition to the existing 2016 crediting start date parameter. The paper also provided an updated supply analysis for the CORSIA first phase, and outlined improvements to the feedback mechanism to inform applicants on the results of the TAB's assessment. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information relating to the TAB's leadership, as provided in paragraph 5.1 of C-WP/15473;
- b) commended TAB for their professional, independent and high-quality work in assessing programmes for eligibility based on the CORSIA Emissions Units Criteria (EUC), and in doing so, approved the TAB's recommendation to apply a 2021 vintage start date in addition to the existing 2016 crediting start date parameter for CORSIA first phase (2024 to 2026 compliance period);
- c) approved the TAB's recommendations resulting from its re-assessment of seven pilot phase emissions unit programmes for eligibility for the CORSIA first phase (2024 to 2026 compliance period), as contained in paragraph 2 and Appendix B (TAB Report, Section 4) of C-WP/15473, and accordingly, approved the proposed updates to the ICAO document *CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units*, including with respect to the two programmes recommended by TAB as immediately eligible (ACR and ART), as presented in Appendix A of C-WP/15473, for immediate publication;
- d) requested that TAB undertake an assessment of the Paris Agreement Article 6.4 mechanism as soon as practicable, and that the scope of this assessment would include provisions relating to the transition of the Clean Development Mechanism

(CDM) for eligibility under the CORSIA EUC, for further consideration of the Council;

- e) noted TAB's analysis of the potential supply of eligible emissions units for the CORSIA first phase, as presented in paragraph 3 and Appendix B (TAB Report, Section 5) of C-WP/15473, and in this regard, requested TAB to include additional information in relation to the geographical coverage of activities and host State attestation in its future analysis on the potential supply of CORSIA eligible emissions units;
- f) requested CAEP to provide regular updates on its report on the supply, demand and pricing analysis of CORSIA eligible emissions units and to immediately inform the Council of any significant increases in demand or pricing;
- g) noted TAB's further enhancement of its feedback mechanism to applicants on the results of TAB's assessment and specific conditions required for eligibility qualification, as presented in paragraph 4 and Appendix B (TAB Report, Section 6.1) of C-WP/15473, and in this connection, requested that the Secretariat enhance its outreach activities in order to encourage more programmes to apply for CORSIA eligibility, and to keep the Council apprised in this regard.

3. It was noted that two Delegations expressed their reservation to the TAB's recommendation that the credits from the UNFCCC Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) be excluded from eligibility for the first phase of CORSIA and that their detailed position in this regard, as presented in a joint statement delivered in the meeting, would be recorded in the minutes of the said meeting.

Environmental protection – Recent developments in ICAO and other United Nations bodies and international organizations

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15471, which presented the recent developments in ICAO and other United Nations bodies and international organizations in the field of aviation and the environment, including further details regarding the 2023 preparatory process leading to the convening of the third ICAO Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3), as well as the results of the 2022 CAEP Steering Group meeting. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) agreed to prioritise the means of implementation of LTAG, guided by the four pillars of policy planning, regulatory framework, implementation support and financing;
- b) requested the Secretariat to establish an ACT-LTAG to include the whole basket of measures, comprising technological, operational, fuels-related and market-based measures;
- c) noted the establishment of a CEC Small Group on the preparation for CAAF/3, including its mandate, timing, composition and working methods, as contained in Attachment A to the CEC oral report, and in this connection, further noted that the Small Group was undertaking immediate work to review and provide guidance to the Secretariat on the agenda and materials for the series of regional seminars to be conducted in April and May 2023;

- d) endorsed, in principle, the preparatory process and activities towards the convening of CAAF/3 from 21 to 24 November 2023, including other supporting activities and outreach initiatives, such as the Council dialogues with financial institutions and fuel producers, and in doing so, agreed to convene two pre-CAAF/3 meetings, with the first to be held in conjunction with the LTAG Stocktaking event from 11 to 13 July 2023, and the second in September 2023, with a view to facilitating preparations and consultations ahead of CAAF/3;
- e) agreed to the proposed agenda for CAAF/3 contained in Appendix B to C-WP/15471, as revised by the CEC Small Group, and as appended to the present decision, it being understood that the agenda would continue to be refined, as may be required, leading to CAAF/3;
- f) took note that consultations were ongoing in relation to the venue for the CAAF/3 meeting, and that a final outcome in this regard would be presented at a subsequent meeting;
- g) approved the updated list of international organizations to be invited to participate as observers in CAAF/3, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15471, on the understanding that EUROCONTROL and the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID), ASTM, EUROCAE and RTCA would also be included therein, as well as any additional organizations that may be communicated in this regard;
- h) requested CAEP to:
 - i. develop its technical inputs to the CAAF/3 process, by the 229th Session of the Council, in order to enable consideration of said technical inputs for the pre-CAAF/3 meeting;
 - ii. initiate its technical work on the consideration of methodologies for monitoring LTAG, as outlined in paragraphs 4.5 and 4.6 of C-WP/15471; undertake work in order to support the Council on the 2025 CORSIA periodic review building upon the 2022 CORSIA review process (C-DEC 222/12, paragraph 10 refers), with a focus on the assessment of supply, demand, price and cost impact of the CORSIA offsetting requirements; and perform technical analyses to facilitate the development of a methodology for the periodic review;
 - iii. identify areas and technical analyses to support the Council in the delivery of Assembly Resolutions A41-20, A41-21 and A41-22, taking into account the priority, urgency and sequencing of related tasks, for consideration of the Council;
 - iv. continue to progress its work in relation to the sustainability criteria for CORSIA eligible fuels, with a view to presenting its recommendations to the Council for consideration prior to the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly in 2025;
- i) reaffirmed the importance of strengthening partnerships with other UN bodies and international and regional financial institutions, to support the successful

implementation of the LTAG, and enhancing the visibility of ICAO's achievements, including at the UNFCCC COP 28; and

- j) invited the Secretariat and CAEP to provide an informal briefing on emerging environmental issues, including inter alia, non-CO₂ impacts, climate adaptation, and environment-driven technologies, with the understanding that this would be presented at a subsequent session.

Any other business

Appointment of an additional CAEP Observer

6. In accordance with paragraphs 4.1.5 and 4.2.2 of the CAEP Directives, the Council reviewed the nomination from the Dominican Republic of a new CAEP Observer, on the basis of the e-mail circulated by the President of the Council dated 16 January 2023.

7. Following consideration, the Council appointed, with immediate effect, Mr. Hector Porcella Dumas as the new CAEP Observer representing the Dominican Republic.

Council Informal Meeting - High-level Exchange of Views with Financial Institutions on Aviation Decarbonization

8. The Council noted that further information would be provided by the President of the Council during the next meeting of the Council, on Monday, 27 March 2023, with respect to the upcoming informal meeting of the Council, "High-level Exchange of Views on the Challenges and Opportunities for Aviation and Financial Institutions on Aviation Decarbonization".

Statement by the Ambassador of Mongolia

9. The Council noted that His Excellency Ariunbold Yadmaa, Ambassador of Mongolia to Canada and the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to ICAO, would deliver a statement under Any Other Business on the topic of improving air connectivity in Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) at the next scheduled meeting of this session on Monday, 27 March 2023.

Appointment of a Member on the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)

10. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 20 March 2023, to the President of the Council's email dated 13 March 2023, Mr. Alain Vandenabeele, nominated by the Government of Austria, had been appointed as a Member on the Air Navigation Commission, to succeed Mr. Albano Coutinho, with effect from 1 April 2023.

Appointment of a Member to the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP)

11. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 20 March 2023 to the President of the Council's email dated 6 March 2023, Mr. Daniel Ng had been appointed as the CAEP member from Singapore, to replace Mr. Tan Kah Han, with effect from 21 March 2023.

THIRD ICAO CONFERENCE ON AVIATION AND ALTERNATIVE FUELS (CAAF/3)

(21 to 24 November 2023)

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Setting the scene – Latest developments in cleaner energy technology for international aviation and its contribution to the Long-Term Aspirational Goal;
2. Supporting policies to promote the development and deployment of cleaner energy for aviation;
3. Assistance and capacity building for cleaner energy;
4. Financing cleaner energy; and
5. Reviewing the 2050 ICAO Vision for SAF, including LCAF and other cleaner energy for aviation, in order to define a global framework.

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