

COUNCIL — 229TH SESSION

THIRD MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 16 JUNE 2023, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Technical inputs by the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection

- 1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15492, which presented the technical recommendations of the CAEP regarding the eligibility of Sustainability Certification Schemes (SCS) under the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) after the pilot phase, the technical inputs of CAEP to the CAAF/3 process, and the progress of the CAEP work on the integrated noise-CO₂ dual stringency Standards. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).
- 2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) approved the recommendations of CAEP on the continued eligibility of two Sustainability Certification Schemes (SCS), namely the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) and the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB), beyond the CORSIA pilot phase, as described in paragraph 1 and Appendix B of C-WP/15492, and in this connection, also approved the second edition of the ICAO document, CORSIA Approved Sustainability Certification Schemes, as contained in Appendix A of C-WP/15492, for publication on the ICAO CORSIA webpage;
 - b) requested the Secretariat to continue to enhance its outreach efforts to SCS, with a view to increasing the number of qualified schemes under CORSIA to support the certification and use of CORSIA eligible fuels, including for the certification of Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF), noting the concern expressed with respect to the readiness of qualified SCS to certify LCAF and that the ICAO Stocktaking event to be held in July 2023 would provide a valuable outreach opportunity in this regard;
 - c) requested CAEP to provide additional technical input to the Council in order to facilitate the consideration of possible CAAF/3 outcomes, outreach activities and other materials, leading toward CAAF/3, as follows:
 - i. identify possible metrics for potential quantified goals for cleaner energy for international aviation (e.g. percentages (%) or absolute values (mass/volume), in terms of the uptake levels of SAF, LCAF and other cleaner energies for aviation, or in terms of CO₂ emissions reduction levels), highlighting any advantages and disadvantages of each possible metric;

- ii. using the possible metrics identified pursuant to i) above, together with the CAEP LTAG report, provide projections on the global levels of cleaner energy use for international aviation, across intermediate milestones, such as 2030, 2040, through to 2050;
- iii. identify possible parameters for fuel accounting and reporting methodologies for international aviation, to ensure consistent application as part of monitoring of the LTAG progress; and
- iv. in the context of the short-term projections on SAF production, identify geographic distribution and trends of existing and planned SAF production facilities;
- d) agreed to delegate authority to the President of the Council to request further technical inputs from CAEP in support of CAAF/3, as may be necessary, following consultation with the CEC, and to keep the Council duly informed of any such requests to CAEP; and
- e) noted the current challenges associated with the development of the integrated noise-CO₂ dual stringency Standards by CAEP, as well as the concerns raised by the CEC in this regard, and in doing so, requested CAEP to progress its work in this regard in such a manner as to ensure the Standard-setting process continued to be inclusive, transparent and based on high quality data, while making any necessary adjustments to the schedule for delivery of this work, and to provide a status update to the Council during the 230th Session.

ANC Work Programme for the 224th Session

- 3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15488, which presented the proposed work programme for the 224th Session of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).
- 4. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) approved the proposed ANC work programme for its 224th Session, as outlined in Appendix A of C-WP/15488, including the revised dates for the first half of the Session, which were to be extended to the week of 9 to 13 October 2023; and
 - b) took note of the planned items for the 225th Sessions and 226th Sessions, as outlined in Appendices B and C, respectively, of C-WP/15488.

Proposed Updates to the ICAO Position for the ITU WRC-23

- 5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15486, which presented a proposal of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) for updates to the ICAO Position for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference (2023) (WRC-23), following the initial approval of the ICAO Position by the Council in 2021 (C-DEC 223/6, refers).
- 6. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) approved the updated ICAO Position for the ITU WRC-23 as contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15486, and in doing so, requested the Secretary General to submit to ICAO Member States, relevant international organizations and to the ITU WRC-23, in an appropriate format, the updated ICAO Position, together with

- additional relevant material as required, it being understood that in connection to the information that would be conveyed to Member States, an emphasis would be placed on the need for coordination within and across the various entities of each national jurisdiction; and
- b) in the interest of aviation safety, urged States to apply the ICAO Position to the extent possible in formulating their positions for WRC-23, and to include aviation experts both in the development of said positions, and as part of their national delegations to WRC-23, bearing in mind Assembly Resolution A41-7, operative clause 1.

Status of preparations for the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14)

- 7. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Air Navigation Commission (P/ANC), which provided an update on the status of preparations for AN-Conf/14. The Council also had for consideration an additional oral update from P/ANC which reported on the outcomes of the deliberations of the ANC regarding the arrangements for AN-Conf/14 (AN-WP/9670, refers), during its meeting on 15 June 2023.
- 8. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) noted that the ANC had agreed, in principle, to the convening of AN-Conf/14 from 26 August to 6 September 2024, in Montreal, Canada to address selected subjects, with the understanding that the dates, agenda and organization of the Conference would be finalized by the ANC in due course, following consultation with Member States and appropriate international organizations;
 - b) agreed with the ANC that the Conference should adopt lessons learned from the 41st Session of the Assembly, and be guided by a set of principles, with a view to producing outcomes from the Conference that would facilitate decision-making by the 42nd Session of the Assembly; and
 - c) noted that, in accordance with standard practice, the Council would be invited to approve the convening of the AN-Conf/14 during the 230th Session of the Council.

International Aviation Trust Framework (IATF)

- 9. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), which provided an update on the progress of work relating to the International Aviation Trust Framework (IATF).
- 10. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) noted the progress made by the ANC and the Trust Framework Panel (TFP) to advance the work relating to the IATF, including the convening of the first meeting of the TFP in March 2023, and in light of these developments, encouraged the ANC to resume its stock-taking exercise with the Secretariat, as soon as practicable;
 - welcomed the nomination by the ANC of a TFP member to the Council's Ad Hoc Cybersecurity Coordinating Committee (AHCCC), as a means to ensure effective coordination and harmonization across the Organization's cybersecurity activities; and
 - c) requested the ANC to continue to keep the Council apprised of developments with respect to its ongoing work on the IATF.

Update on the status of implementation of the direct submission method

11. The Council took note of the information presented by the President of the Air Navigation Commission (P/ANC) in relation to the status of implementation of the direct submission method, including on the basis of his presentation on this subject during the 2023 COSM, and invited P/ANC to bring the comments and concerns raised over the course of the Council's deliberations to the attention of the ANC for further consideration. It was further noted that the Council would continue to be kept apprised of further progress made in this area.

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