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## COUNCIL — 229TH SESSION

### FOURTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONDAY, 19 JUNE 2023, AT 1430 HOURS)

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

#### OPEN MEETING

##### **Welcome to a new Representative**

1. The Council warmly welcomed Mr. Ángel Luis Arias Serrano, the newly appointed Representative of Spain, as well as the presence of His Excellency, Mr. Alfredo Martínez Serrano, the Ambassador of Spain to Canada.

##### **Lessons Learned from the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly**

2. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15502 presented by the Chairperson of the Council Small Group on A41 Lessons Learned.

3. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its sincere appreciation to the Chairperson and members of the Small Group for their efforts to advance the work on this matter;
- b) took note of the final report of the Small Group on A41 Lessons Learned, and in doing so, welcomed the recommendations that had been presented pertaining to the agenda, role, schedule, and working papers of the Assembly, as well as in relation to the relevance of the Edward Warner Award, and in this connection, underscored the need for these recommendations to be given due consideration in the context of preparations for the next session of the Assembly;
- c) invited the Small Group to continue its deliberations, taking into account the comments made by the Council over the course of its consideration of this item, with a view to finalizing any recommendations that would require further consideration by the Council, in particular, in relation to any proposed amendments to the *Standing Rules of Procedure of the Assembly*; and
- d) in expressing its appreciation to Mr. Víctor Aguado, the former Representative of Spain and outgoing Chairperson of the Small Group on A41 Lessons Learned, agreed to delegate authority to the President of the Council to determine the revised composition of the Small Group, it being understood that further details in this regard,

including in relation to the new Chairperson, would be conveyed in the context of the item “Elections by the Council”, which was scheduled for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the current session.

### **ICAO Accountability Framework**

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15503 presented by the Chairperson of the Council Small Group on the Accountability Framework.

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the final report of the Small Group on the Accountability Framework, as contained in Appendix A to C-WP/15503, and in doing so, expressed its appreciation to the members of the Small Group for the progress achieved;
- b) agreed that the recommendations of the Small Group, together with the comments raised by the Council over the course of its deliberations on this item, should be taken into account within the scope of the work on the overarching ICAO Accountability Framework;
- c) also agreed that the next iteration of the Charter Letter to the Secretary General, which was scheduled for presentation to the Council during the 231st Session, should specify the delegation of functions by the Council to the Secretary General, including the management of both human and financial resources, as well as associate the delegation of functions to the required reporting to Council; and
- d) in connection with the preceding sub-paragraphs b) and c):
  - i. requested the COG, with the support of the Secretariat, to finalize a draft of the ICAO Accountability Framework, including specifically a mechanism by which this would be structured and delivered; and
  - ii. invited the COG to finalize the draft of the Charter Letter to the Secretary General, as one aspect of the broader Accountability Framework, on the understanding that this would be presented for approval during the 231st Session.

### **Missile Launches by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK)**

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Secretary General, as well as an oral update by the President of the Council, pursuant to the President’s letter to Mr. Rim Kwang Ung, Director-General of the General Administration of Civil Aviation of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), dated 30 May 2023, regarding the intention of the DPRK to launch a military reconnaissance satellite using ballistic missile technology between 30 May and 11 June 2023.

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented by the Secretary General and the President of the Council regarding the circumstances and actions taken by ICAO to notify States of the airspace hazard posed by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea’s (DPRK) intended launches;

- b) reaffirmed the importance of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* (Chicago Convention) and its Annexes in providing the legal and operational framework for Contracting States to build a global civil aviation safety system based on mutual trust and recognition, and that all Contracting States were required to fulfil their obligations in implementing the Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) thereunder;
- c) condemned the recent missile launches by the DPRK, which pose a serious risk to international civil aviation, and represent a complete disregard of the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions in this regard, and in doing so, recalled Assembly Resolution A41-3, which urgently called upon the DPRK to comply strictly with the provisions of *the Chicago Convention*, its Annexes and its related Procedures for Air Navigation Services;
- d) requested the Secretariat to prepare and issue a media release to inform the public of this decision, and further requested the Secretariat to continue to actively monitor the situation and to keep the Council apprised of developments, as necessary; and
- e) invited the President of the Council to notify the DPRK of this decision, which was unanimously adopted.

**Any other business**

**Farewell to a Representative**

8. The Council bade farewell to the Representative of Spain (Mr. Víctor M. Aguado).

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