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COUNCIL — 229TH SESSION

SIXTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2023, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Welcome to new Representative

1. The Council welcomed the newly appointed Representative of Canada, Ambassador Annick Goulet.

Methodology on the treatment of recommendations from the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) addressed to the Council

2. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Chairperson of the Committee on Governance (COG). In doing so, the Council agreed to waive the requirement in Rule 26 b) iii) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, given that the COG oral report had not been made available 72 hours before this meeting.

3. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) agreed that the relevant Committees of the Council would consider new JIU reports and respective recommendations from the JIU addressed to UN entities that relate to substantive policies;
- b) also agreed that the Council, on an annual basis, should include an item in its work programme, by which it would consider those recommendations addressed to the Legislative Bodies, as well as to review the implementation of pending recommendations addressed to the Legislative Bodies and the Executive Heads;
- c) further agreed in relation to new recommendations from the JIU addressed to the Legislative Bodies, the Secretariat would be requested to prepare a draft response on actions taken to address such recommendations, which would be presented for review and endorsement by the Committee on Governance; and
- d) agreed that those JIU recommendations addressed to the Legislative Bodies that require a specific decision by the Council for implementation, or that are proposed not to be accepted by ICAO, would be referred to the Council for consideration.

Enhancing the Efficiency of the Working Methods of the Council and its Subsidiary Bodies

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Chairperson of the Committee on Governance (COG), pursuant to the discussions undertaken in this regard during the 2023 Council Off-site Strategy Meeting (COSM), which was held from 12 to 14 May 2023. In doing so, the Council agreed to waive the requirement in Rule 26 b) iii) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, given that the COG oral report had not been made available 72 hours before this meeting.

5. Following consideration, the Council took note of the information contained in the COG oral report, and in doing so, endorsed the recommendations presented in Appendix A to the COG oral report, in particular:

- a) the recommendation that preliminary exchanges between the Secretariat and the Chairpersons of the Committees and subsidiary bodies of the Council should occur on items under consideration, during the Committee and Council phases of each session in order to facilitate subsequent deliberations and decision-making;
- b) the need for documentation to comply with established deadlines for the timely issuance thereof, in accordance with the applicable provisions in the Rules of Procedure;
- c) recalling its previous decision to revise the schedule for the 228th, 229th, and 230th Sessions (C-DEC 227/6, paragraph 6, refers) on a trial basis, agreed that the duration of the Committee phase would revert to a maximum 3-week schedule, on the understanding that there would be efficient scheduling of meetings within this three-week timeframe;
- d) in relation to the recommendations concerning the operation and composition of the Small Groups, agreed with the recommendations of the COG in this regard, while noting that a flexible approach should be maintained with respect to the provision of administrative support to each Small Group, as necessary;
- e) agreed, with respect to the Human Resources Committee (HRC):
 - i. to dissolve the HRC with effect from the 230th Session;
 - ii. to request the Secretariat to submit a working paper to the 230th Session of the Council on the consequential amendments required to the *ICAO Service Code* in order to implement the dissolution of the HRC, based on the Secretariat proposal on an alternative process for appointments to D1 and D2 level positions, as well as the Ethics Officer, as provided in Appendix B to the COG oral report;
 - iii. to also request the Secretariat to consider whether other consequential amendments, including to the *Rules of Procedure for the Standing Committees of the Council* (Doc 8146), and other ICAO statutory documents where reference is made to the HRC, would be required, and if so, to report to the Council accordingly;
 - iv. to revisit the matter during the 234th Session of the Council based on lessons learned during the one-year period, taking into account the progress made in the development of the ICAO Accountability Framework;
- f) invited the Committee on Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP) to present a proposal to clarify rules and procedures applying to granting to external parties the

permission to use the ICAO emblem and to signing of agreements with such parties, in the context of the revision of the *Policy on Interaction with Third Parties*;

- g) invited the COG to launch a work stream on recruitment processes, including how to mitigate the risk of conflict of interest, ensure regional balance and other relevant aspects, in the context of the implementation of the new People Strategy;
- h) agreed that the principle of open membership be applied to the composition of the Council Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC), with effect from the Committee phase of the 230th Session, it being understood that the Terms of Reference of the RHCC would be adjusted accordingly; and
- i) in the context of ongoing efforts to enhance the efficiency of the working methods of the Council, including streamlining of documentation tabled for Council consideration, it was noted that items formerly considered by the Council and that in accordance with the new arrangements would be considered only by the relevant Committee, would henceforth be recorded in the final C-DEC of each Session (*cf.* paragraph 20 below).

Elections by the Council

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15483, which related to: the election of the three Vice-Presidents of the Council, and the Members, Alternates and Chairpersons of the of the Aviation Security (ASC), Climate and Environment (CEC), Finance (FIC), Joint Support (JSC) and Technical Cooperation (TCC) Committees, as well as the Committee on Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP); the composition of the Council Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC), and the election of its Chairperson; and the election of the Chairpersons of the Air Transport Committee (ATC) and Committee on Governance (COG). Representatives had been invited to submit the names of Members and Alternates to serve on the various Council Committees in the President's memorandum PRES SS/3453 dated 3 April 2023.

7. For the purposes of electing the First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, the Council agreed to suspend paragraph 3 of Appendix B and that part of paragraph 2 of Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559) related to the elections taking place by secret ballot unless waived by unanimous decision of the Members represented at the meeting.

8. On the nomination of the Representative of South Africa, seconded by the Representative of the United Arab Emirates, the Council elected the Representative of India (Dr. Shefali Juneja) as its First Vice-President, the Representative of France (Mr. Laurent Pic) as its Second Vice-President, and the Representative of Nigeria (Mr. Mahmoud Sani Ben Tukur) as its Third Vice-President, for the period 2023-2024, with effect from the 230th Session, pursuant to Appendix B of its Rules of Procedure.

9. In electing the incoming Vice-Presidents, the Council expressed its appreciation by acclamation to the three out-going Vice-Presidents: Mr. Levers Mabaso (South Africa), Ms. Silvia Costantini (Italy) and Dr. Bader Bin Saleh Bin Hamed Al-Sagri (Saudi Arabia).

10. Pursuant to Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), and the Special Provisions of the *Rules of Procedure for Standing Committees of the Council* (Doc 8146), the Council then:

- a) appointed the Members and Alternates of the JSC, FIC, ASC, TCC, and CEC, appearing in Appendix B of C-WP/15483 and as orally updated by the President of the Council in the course of the current meeting, as well as the Members and Alternates of the CCEP and the RHCC as presented in the e-mails circulated by the President of the Council on 20 and 21 June 2023, respectively, for the period 2023-2024, with effect as from the 230th Session on the understanding that the composition of the CCEP would be expanded to take account of the need for regional balance;
- b) noted that the composition of the ATC and COG consisted of Representatives of all Members of the Council or in their absence, their Alternates, for a period of three years, with effect as from the 227th Session of the Council.

11. Pursuant to Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), and the *Special Provisions of the Rules of Procedure for Standing Committees of the Council* (Doc 8146), the Council then elected the Chairpersons of the ATC, JSC, FIC, ASC, TCC, CEC, RHCC, CCEP and COG, for the period 2023-2024, with effect from the 230th Session, as follows:

- a) on the nomination of Canada, the Council elected the Representative of Ethiopia (Ms. Hiwot Mosisa Deressa) as the Chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC);
- b) on the nomination of the Representative of Saudi Arabia, the Council elected the Representative of Mexico (Mr. Dionisio Méndez Mayora) as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee (FIC);
- c) on the nomination of the Representative of United States, the Council elected the Representative of Austria (Mr. Christian Schleifer) as the Chairperson of the Joint Support of Air Navigation Services Committee (JSC);
- d) on the nomination of the Representative of Japan, the Council elected the Representative of Qatar (Mr. Essa Al-Malki) as the Chairperson of the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Support Committee (TCC);
- e) on the nomination of the Representative of the Iceland, the Council elected the Representative of Saudi Arabia (Dr. Bader Bin Saleh Bin Hamed Al-Sagri) as the Chairperson of the Aviation Security Committee (ASC);
- f) on the nomination of the Representative of Chile, the Council elected the Representative of Australia (Mr. Ross Adams) as the Chairperson of the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC);
- g) on the nomination of the Representative of Argentina, the Council elected the Representative of the Republic of Korea (Dr. Jaewan Lee) as the Chairperson of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC);
- h) on the nomination of the Representative of Egypt, the Council elected the Representative of Zimbabwe (Mr. Munyaradzi Waniwa) as the Chairperson of the Committee on Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP); and

- i) on the nomination of the Representative of France, the Council elected the Representative of Equatorial Guinea (Mr. Estanislao Esono Anguesomo) as the Chairperson of the Committee on Governance (COG).

12. In electing the incoming Chairpersons of the Committees, the Council expressed its appreciation by acclamation to all the outgoing Chairpersons of the Committees.

13. In addition, the Council agreed that authority would be delegated to the President of the Council to amend the composition of the JSC, FIC, ASC, TCC, CEC and RHCC, these being Committees with open membership, as required. The Council further agreed to delegate authority to the President of the Council to review the composition of the Small Groups of the Council, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical representation and gender balance among their membership.

Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 230th Session

14. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15495, which presented the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 230th Session. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG). In doing so, the Council agreed to waive the requirement in Rule 26 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, given that the COG oral report had not been made available 72 hours before this meeting.

15. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 230th Session, as contained in C-WP/15495, taking into consideration the comments of the COG in this regard;
- b) recalled the decision taken by the Council in relation to the duration of the Committee Phase (paragraph 5, c) of the present decision refers), and in this connection agreed that the Committee Phase for the 230th Session would be from 18 September to 6 October 2023, with the understanding that the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC) would need to convene in advance of these dates, on 29 August 2023;
- c) also approved the list of proposed informal briefings, as provided in Appendix A to the COG oral report, with the understanding that informal briefings would be scheduled to the extent possible during the Committee phase;
- d) took note of the proposed list of items to be shared for information purposes, as reflected in Appendix B to the COG oral report, and in so doing, reaffirmed that Council Representatives retained the right to propose additional items for consideration by the Council or the Committees, as required; and
- e) noted that the decisions taken by the Council over the course of the current Session that affect the Work Programme for the 230th 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/15495, which would be issued in due course.

Any other business**Farewells to Council Representatives**

16. The Council bade farewell to the Representatives of Canada (Mr. Douglas S. Proudfoot), Italy (Ms. Silvia Costantini) and South Africa (Mr. Levers Mabaso).

Farewell to a Director

17. The Council bade farewell to Mr. Stephen Creamer, the Director, Air Navigation Bureau (D/ANB).

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

18. It was noted that in the absence of comments to the President of the Council's email dated 12 June 2023, Mr. Justo Hernández Soto had been appointed as the CAEP Member from Spain, to replace Mr. Alfredo Iglesias Sastre, with effect from 27 June 2023.

19. It was noted that in the absence of comments to the President of the Council's email dated 12 June 2023, Mr. Nahuel Morandi Bel had been appointed as the CAEP Member from Argentina, to replace Mr. Carlos Ruben Fernández, with effect from 27 June 2023.

Information items considered by Council Committees

20. Pursuant to paragraph 5, i) above, the Council noted that based on the summaries of discussions issued over the course of the current session, the following information items had been considered by the various subsidiary bodies of the Council and that no further action was required thereon:

- *Financial Year 2022 – Report of the Carry Over*
- *Report on Technical Cooperation Programme, Civil Aviation Training and Ancillary Revenue Generation Fund (ARGF) activities for 2022 and Update of the Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) Budget for 2023*
- *Report on the Assessment of Member States Needs and Expectations*
- *Report on the High Level Review of ICAO's Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*
- *Status of Digital Transformation and Information Security Roadmap Implementation*

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