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COUNCIL — 230TH SESSION

SECOND MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Need, agenda, date, organization and site for the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (2024) (AN-Conf/14)

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15510, which presented a proposal for the convening of the Fourteenth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14), including the agenda, organizational plan and structure of the meeting, as well as the list of organizations to be invited.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) agreed that the AN-Conf/14 be held in Montréal, Canada from 26 August to 6 September 2024;
 - b) further agreed that the languages of the meetings be Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish and Russian, including the information sessions to be held on 26 August 2024 for which interpretation services will be provided in all six languages;
 - c) noted the agenda for the meeting, as approved by the Air Navigation Commission and presented in Appendix A to C-WP/15510;
 - d) also noted the structure of the meeting, as agreed by the Air Navigation Commission (paragraph 3.3 of C-WP/15510, refers), as well as the detailed organizational plan contained in Appendix B of the working paper;
 - e) approved the list of organizations to be invited to participate in the AN-Conf/14, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15510; and
 - f) reaffirmed the importance of addressing the challenges faced by Member States in developing their respective Air Navigation Plans, in the context of the AN-Conf/14 deliberations.

Consolidated Report on Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) for 2022

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15511, which presented a consolidated annual report on Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs), covering the period from April 2022 to March 2023. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the progress made by the PIRGs and RASGs, as outlined in Appendices A, B, D and E to C-WP/15511;
- b) agreed to adopt henceforth an annual reporting period of 1 July to 30 June for subsequent iterations of the Consolidated Annual Report, commencing on 1 July 2023;
- c) underscored the importance of ensuring the availability of the technical layers of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) in all ICAO working languages in order to enhance its effective and successful implementation by Member States, and accordingly, encouraged the Secretariat to identify possible extra-budgetary resources that could be allocated for that purpose;
- d) requested the Secretariat to initiate a formal amendment process to align the geographic areas of applicability of the air navigation plans and the regional supplementary procedures, including in particular for the AFI Region;
- e) encouraged the Secretariat to consider adopting possible measures to secure the appropriate level of participation in meetings of the PIRGs and RASGs, including, *inter alia*, to request Delegates to provide credentials for their participation, and to take into account the scheduling of other high-level regional events to optimize opportunities for attendance by high-level officials with decision-making authority; and
- f) invited the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and the Secretariat to consider whether the current arrangements provided sufficient opportunities for Member States to reflect on lessons learned and share best practices in the development of their Air Navigation Plans.

Amendment to the *Directives for Panels of the Air Navigation Commission* (Doc 7984)

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15512, which presented a proposal for amendment to the *Directives for Panels of the Air Navigation Commission* (Doc 7984), consistent with Recommendation 2 of the report on the Evaluation of the ICAO Standard-setting process carried out by the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO), formerly the Evaluation and Internal Audit Office (EAO), between December 2017 and April 2018 (C-DEC 215/6, refers).

6. Following consideration, the Council approved the proposed amendment to the *Directives for Panels of the Air Navigation Commission* (Doc 7984), as contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15512. In this connection, the Council requested the Secretariat to explore the more extensive use of technologies that would facilitate a broader level of participation, with a view to achieving greater inclusivity.

Update on the status of implementation of the Direct Submission method

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Air Navigation Commission (P/ANC) in relation to the status of implementation of the direct submission method.

8. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information provided by P/ANC, and welcomed the progress made by the Commission to finalize the procedures to allow for the operationalization of the direct submission process, having taken into consideration the comments raised by the Council in this regard during its 229th Session (C-MIN 229/3, refer);
- b) requested the ANC to consider the comments raised by the Council over the course of its deliberations when finalizing the amendment to the ANC Procedures and Practices Guidebook (10th Edition), as contained in the Appendix to the oral report, including *inter alia*, in relation to: the scope of the direct submission method's application; the role of the Panels and panel experts; the need to assess the potential economic and regulatory impacts, including on infrastructure, on Member States resulting from the internationalization of Standards originally developed for implementation at the national or regional levels, with the consequent need of a careful analysis to be carried out in case a significant economic or regulatory impact is identified; and the process applicable to proposals recommended for non-acceptance by the ANC;
- c) invited the ANC to review the impact of the implementation of the direct submission method on its own processes and working methods, with a view to continuing to refine the new methodology, as required; and
- d) recommended that the ANC report to the Council on the progress of implementation of the direct submission method, in due course, and to continue to keep the Council apprised of developments in this area, as needed.

Review of the ANC Work Programme for the 225th Session

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15513, which presented the proposed work programme for the 225th Session of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the proposed ANC work programme for its 225th Session, as outlined in Appendix A of C-WP/15513, including the revised dates for the second half of the Session, which were to be extended to include the week of 11 to 15 March 2024; and
- b) took note of the planned items for the 226th Sessions and 227th Sessions, as outlined in Appendices B and C, respectively, of C-WP/15513.

Appointment of the President of the Air Navigation Commission

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15514, which presented the candidature of Mr. Junrong Liang for the post of the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).

12. Taking into account that there was only one candidate for the post, the Council agreed unanimously to waive the requirement set forth in paragraph 1 of Appendix D to the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), for a secret ballot to be held for the appointment of President of the ANC. Accordingly, and 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*, the Council then agreed to the proposal of the President of the Council to appoint Mr. Junrong Liang as President of the ANC for a period of one year, commencing on 1 January 2024.

Any other business**ICAO Position for the ITU WRC-23**

13. Recalling its previous decision with respect to the ICAO position for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference (2023) (WRC-23) (C-DEC 229/3, refers), the Council reiterated the importance for 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.

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