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## **COUNCIL — 230TH SESSION**

### **THIRD MEETING**

**(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 1000 HOURS)**

### **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

#### **OPEN MEETING**

#### **Annual Report of the Evaluation and Audit Advisory Committee (EAAC)**

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15525, which presented the annual report on the work of the Evaluation and Audit Advisory Committee (EAAC). 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.

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) welcomed the annual report of the Evaluation and Audit Advisory Committee (EAAC), covering the period 2022-2023, and acknowledged, with appreciation, the consistently high quality and value of EAAC's work to the Organization;
- b) endorsed the proposed EAAC work plan, as presented in Appendix A to C-WP/15525;
- c) underlining the need for continued support for the implementation of the Transformational Objective, and given the urgency of the issues related to human resources, reiterated the importance of the ICAO People Strategy toward this objective; and
- d) further noted the implementation status of prior EAAC recommendations as reported in Appendices B, C and D to C-WP/15525 and in this regard, reiterated the need for the Secretariat to ensure that outstanding recommendations were reviewed and implemented consistent with the established target dates.

#### **International Civil Aviation Day 2024 and the ICAO 80th Anniversary Theme**

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15531, which presented several options for a proposed new theme to mark the 80th Anniversary of ICAO in 2024. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG), as well as a related e-mail message from the Secretary General dated 31 October 2023.

4. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) endorsed the theme “Safe Skies, Sustainable Future: ICAO80”, it being understood that the term “sustainable” in this context should encompass the environmental, economic and social aspects of the Organization’s activities; and
  - b) requested the Secretary General to seek the cooperation of Member States and appropriate international partners and organizations in promoting the 80th Anniversary of ICAO in 2024 and the celebration of International Civil Aviation Day, and in this connection, encouraged Member States to also consider ways in which they could highlight ICAO’s 80th Anniversary, whether through national campaigns, or through collaborative initiatives.

### **Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Annex 9 — *Facilitation* and 2024 as the Year of Facilitation**

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15517, which presented a proposal to designate 2024 as the Year of Facilitation, in recognition of the 75th Anniversary of Annex 9 — *Facilitation*. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) reaffirmed the importance of air transport facilitation, and in doing so, approved 2024 as the Year of Facilitation (YOF) in recognition of the milestone 75th Anniversary of Annex 9 — *Facilitation*, bearing in mind that 2024 would also mark the 80th Anniversary of ICAO;
  - b) requested the Secretariat to revise the proposed list of activities to be held in connection with the YOF, as presented in the Appendix to C-WP/15517, with a view to undertaking wider and more cost-effective public outreach efforts, with the involvement of relevant partner agencies, while also ensuring that these activities were focussed on the passenger experience, and in this connection, encouraged the Secretariat to collaborate with the Airports Council International (ACI) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) accordingly;
  - c) endorsed the proposal to convene an event to mark the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of Annex 9 – *Facilitation* and the achievements of ICAO and its Member States in this area, and in that regard, agreed that an invitation should be sent from the Secretariat to all Member States seeking expressions of interest in hosting such an event;
  - d) encouraged States to contribute to the YOF activities, including through the provision of resources to support these activities, as far as practicable;
  - e) requested the Secretariat to consider undertaking an assessment of the impacts of such commemorative activities, and to report the results to the Council at a future session; and
  - f) while noting the outreach and communications activities planned by the Secretariat, further requested the Secretariat to explore options for organizing targeted activities to improve the level of implementation of Annex 9 provisions across Member States.

### **Amendments to the *Policy on Revenue-Generating Activities***

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15507, which presented proposed amendments to the *Policy on Revenue-Generating Activities* arising as a result of the recent integration of revenue-generating activities across the Organization. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

8. Following consideration, the Council approved in-principle the proposed amendments to the *Policy on Revenue-Generating Activities*, as modified by the COG and appended to its oral report, and taking into account the additional changes made by the Council over the course of its deliberations to paragraph 2.3 of the revised *Policy*, with the exception of paragraph 3.1 e), on which it was agreed to suspend further discussion and to resume consideration at a subsequent meeting of the current Session, at which time it was understood the Policy would then be approved *in globo*.

### **Any other business**

### **Report of the Third Meeting of the ICAO Industry Consultative Forum**

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Chairperson of the Steering Group on the ICAO Industry Consultative Forum (SGICF) pertaining to the outcomes of the third meeting of the Industry Consultative Forum (ICF/3), which was held from 12 to 13 June 2023.

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information conveyed in the SGICF oral report, and in so doing, endorsed the recommendations identified in paragraph 3 thereof, while acknowledging the progress that had already been made by ICAO to address a number of the proposed recommendations in the intervening period since the convening of the ICF/3;
- b) invited the SGICF to take the necessary actions to organize the fourth meeting of the ICF (ICF/4), as based on the concept note provided in Appendix B to the oral report, noting that the event was scheduled to take place from 5 to 6 February 2024; and
- c) invited the SGICF to consider meeting arrangements for ICF/4 that would facilitate interaction between the Council and the invited speakers.

### **Secretariat Appointments**

11. The Council took note of the recent appointments of Mr. Miguel Marin to the post of Deputy Director, Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau, Mr. Wei Wen to the post of Deputy Director, Languages and Publications and Ms. Randa Akoury to the post of Chief, Interpretation Section.