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THIRD MEETING

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SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Recommendations by the Technical Advisory Body (TAB) on CORSIA eligible emissions units

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15563, which presented the TAB's recommendations resulting from its assessment of material procedural changes submitted by three programmes and of one remaining application, regarding their eligibility in the CORSIA first phase. Information was also provided with respect to: the relevant decisions of the UNFCCC COP28 related to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement; TAB leadership roles; and the TAB's assessment plan for 2024. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) accepted the TAB recommendations resulting from its assessment of material procedural changes submitted by three programmes (Climate Action Reserve; Gold Standard; and Verified Carbon Standard) and of one remaining application (SOCIALCARBON), regarding their eligibility in the CORSIA first phase, as contained in paragraph 2 and Appendix B (TAB Report, Section 4) to C-WP/15563;
- b) approved the recommended updates to the ICAO document *CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units*, as reflected in Appendix A to C-WP/15563;
- c) took note of the information regarding the relevant updates from the UNFCCC COP28 relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement;
- d) requested the Secretariat to enhance its outreach activities to raise awareness amongst relevant stakeholders regarding CORSIA-related requirements, including on the importance of host-country attestation in avoiding double-claiming of CORSIA eligible emissions units, and in this connection, underscored the need and desirability of greater diversification in the geographical coverage of emissions reduction projects that generate such units; and
- e) reaffirmed the need to ensure that sufficient resources were made available to support the activities of the TAB, including Secretariat resources, taking into account the essential and priority nature of this work.

Thirteenth Meeting of the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP/13)

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15567, which presented a proposal to convene the thirteenth meeting of the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP/13) from 3 to 7 March 2025, at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the updated information presented by the Secretary General regarding the scheduling of the CAEP/13 meeting, and in doing so approved the new dates proposed by the Secretariat for the convening of CAEP/13, which would now be held over a two-week period from 17 to 28 February 2025, at ICAO Headquarters;
- b) approved the administrative arrangements as presented in paragraph 3 of C-WP/15567; and
- c) approved the provisional agenda as presented in the Appendix to C-WP/15567.

Results of the Third ICAO Conference on Aviation and Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3)

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15561, which presented the results of the Third ICAO Conference on Aviation Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) (20 to 24 November 2023, Dubai, United Arab Emirates). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) reiterated its sincere appreciation to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for their generosity in hosting CAAF/3, as well as extended its gratitude to the President of CAAF/3, Mr. Viliame Gavoka, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation of Fiji, as well as the Chairpersons of the CEC and of the Small Group for their positive contributions, along with the Secretariat for their outstanding efforts in convening such a successful event;
- b) approved the Report of the Third ICAO Conference on Aviation Alternative Fuels (CAAF/3) as provided in Appendix A to C-WP/15561, and in doing so, endorsed the ICAO Global Framework for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other Aviation Cleaner Energies as adopted by the CAAF/3;
- c) emphasized the importance and urgency for the implementation of the ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other Aviation Cleaner Energies, and in this regard, took note of the proposed actions for the Global Framework's implementation, as provided in Appendix B to C-WP/15561;
- d) requested that the Secretariat prepare a roadmap for the implementation of the ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other Aviation Cleaner Energies, including further information on the roles and responsibilities, planned actions, timeframe, required resources, and the relationship with related ICAO work, such as LTAG implementation, leading to the 42nd Session of the Assembly and beyond;
- e) in the context of the current re-prioritization exercise being undertaken, requested that

the Secretariat give consideration to re-aligning the ICAO Business Plan in order to better reflect the proposed implementation actions for the ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF, and other Aviation Cleaner Energies, as well as Assembly Resolution A41-21 pertaining to LTAG, with a view to re-allocating resources accordingly to those priority areas;

- f) invited the Secretariat to continue to consider opportunities to enhance cross-Bureau coordination, with a view to enhancing resource mobilization outcomes, focusing in particular on supporting the implementation of the ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other Aviation Cleaner Energies; and
- g) reaffirmed the need for a more systematic, coordinated and well-structured communication plan for ICAO initiatives, programmes and events, and as a means to promote better awareness among the international community of ICAO's efforts and achievements in addressing international aviation CO₂ emissions, with a particular focus on continuing the high-level engagement with fuel producers, international financial institutions and aviation stakeholders in ensuring support for, and implementation of, the outcomes of CAAF/3, and in that connection, requested the Secretariat to issue a State letter to all Member States and relevant organizations in order to inform them of the results of CAAF/3, the next steps for implementation, and the required resources with possible areas of additional support and contributions by States in this regard.

7. The Council took note of the reservations expressed by the Delegations of China and Saudi Arabia in relation to certain aspects of the ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other Aviation Cleaner Energies adopted by CAAF/3. It was understood that the specific details of the reservations would be outlined in their respective interventions to be reflected in the minutes of the meeting.

Review of the Ad Hoc Cybersecurity Coordination Committee (AHCCC) First Meeting

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15557, which presented the results of the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Cybersecurity Coordination Committee (AHCCC/1) (10 to 11 October 2023, Montréal, Canada). The Council also had for consideration oral reports thereon from the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

9. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note that the *Study on Aviation Cybersecurity in the Annexes to the Convention on International Civil Aviation* would be reconsidered once the Cybersecurity Panel (CYSECP) had concluded its gap analysis in cooperation with other relevant Panels on SARPs, in order to review the outcome of the work and any potential recommendations that could be made to the Council on the topic, and in doing so, invited the AHCCC to take into consideration the concerns raised by the ANC in this regard;
- b) further noted that in light of the information presented to the AHCCC on the work of the Panels represented on the AHCCC, there was common work expected on at least two tasks, namely, SARPs amendments and potentially PANS, as well as coordination on how to integrate cybersecurity in the ICAO global plans, and in that regard noted the ANC's intention to appoint an expert from the Safety Management Panel (SMP) to the AHCCC;
- c) agreed on the need to address and identify means to balance limited resources, as well as define reasonable expectations for the amount of work to be carried out, bearing in

mind that technical experts were often involved in the work of multiple Panels;

- d) further agreed that the Secretariat would develop a draft ICAO Aviation Cybersecurity Work Programme, while noting that the AHCCC would work inter-sessionally in order to establish a consolidated draft Work Programme, following the Secretariat's initial draft proposal in that regard;
- e) approved the revised Terms of Reference for the AHCCC, as appended to Appendix A of C-WP/15557, as well as the revised Rules of Procedure of the AHCCC, as amended by the ASC and appended to its oral report, both of which are reflected in Appendices A and B, to this decision, respectively;
- f) also approved the convening of the Second Meeting of the AHCCC (AHCCC/2), from 29 to 31 May 2024, it being understood that these dates would facilitate the attendance by technical experts at the CYSECP scheduled for the following week, and noting that the AHCCC/2 would be held in a hybrid format, in English only, on the basis of the proposed agenda presented in Appendix C to C-WP/15557; and
- g) encouraged Members of the AHCCC to participate in future meetings in-person.

Any other Business

Amendments to the Work Programme for the 231st Session

10. Pursuant to the requests received by the President of the Council by way of two separate letters, dated 11 and 14 March 2024, from the Representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Argentina on the Council, respectively, the Council noted that each Delegation would present an oral update regarding recent developments affecting aviation in their respective States, under any other business, at a subsequent meeting of the current Session.

Report of the Small Group on Financing for Aviation CO₂ Emissions Reduction Measures

11. The Council took note of the progress report presented by the Chairperson of the Small Group on Financing for Aviation CO₂ Emissions Reduction Measures, regarding the consideration of the establishment of a climate finance initiative or funding mechanism, in accordance with operative clause 18 b) of Assembly Resolution A41-21. It was understood that a more detailed report on the work undertaken by the Small Group would be presented to the Council during the 232nd Session.

Scheduling of the ICAO Symposium on Non-CO₂ Aviation Emissions

12. The Council took note that the ICAO Symposium on Non-CO₂ Aviation emissions was currently scheduled to take place from 30 July to 1 August 2024, at ICAO Headquarters. Following a preliminary discussion, the Council requested the Secretariat to explore the feasibility of alternative options for the scheduling of this event, it being understood that the Council would revert on this matter during a subsequent meeting of the current session.

Appointment of a Member and Alternate on the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)

13. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 8 March 2024, to the President of the Council's email dated 4 March 2024, Ms. Jacqueline Hanafin, nominated by the Government of the United Kingdom, had been appointed as Alternate to Mr. Padhraic Kelleher on the Air Navigation Commission, with effect from 16 March 2024 who will henceforth succeed Mr. Kelleher as Member on the Air Navigation Commission, with effect from 16 April 2024.

APPENDIX A

AD HOC CYBERSECURITY COORDINATION COMMITTEE (AHCCC)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background

ICAO Assembly Resolution A39-19 (2016) – *Addressing cybersecurity in civil aviation* called upon States and stakeholders to collaborate in the development of ICAO's aviation cybersecurity framework by ensuring a horizontal, cross-cutting and functional approach.

ICAO Assembly Resolution A40-10 (2019) called on ICAO to bring the work of the multiple bodies involved in addressing aviation cybersecurity in ICAO under the aegis of an overarching structure.

In line with the direction of the Assembly, and on the basis of C-WP/15156, the Council, during its 222nd Session, agreed to establish a **Technical Cybersecurity Committee of the Council** to coordinate all of ICAO's cybersecurity activities with the Terms of Reference hereunder (C-DEC 222/11 refers).

Mandate

The Ad Hoc Cybersecurity Coordination Committee (AHCCC) is a Technical Coordinating Committee of the Council established to coordinate aviation cybersecurity-related work across ICAO. The AHCCC serves as the main advisory body of the Council on all aviation cybersecurity matters.

Functions

The AHCCC, working closely with the Air Transport Committee (ATC), Aviation Security Committee (ASC) and Air Navigation Commission (ANC), shall:

- a) monitor the implementation of the Aviation Cybersecurity Strategy and the Cybersecurity Action Plan and oversee the development of updates thereto;
- b) develop and maintain a comprehensive ICAO Aviation Cybersecurity Work Programme, to coordinate ICAO aviation cybersecurity work across all aviation domains; and
- ~~c) — examine existing and emerging aviation cybersecurity threats and hazards; and~~
- d) advise the Council on policy, strategic direction, priorities and activity planning and other aviation cybersecurity issues, as required.

Composition

The AHCCC shall comprise one nominee from:

- a) the ATC, the ASC and the ANC; and
- b) each panel and expert group regularly addressing cybersecurity in their work programme.

Working Methods

The AHCCC's working methods are contained in the *Rules of Procedures of the AHCCC*.

Secretariat

The Secretary of the AHCCC is designated by the Secretary General and supported by other Secretariat staff as required.

Languages

The Committee selects from the working languages of the Organization the language or languages to be used in its correspondence and meetings. This determination is made following consultation with the members regarding their requirements for translation and interpretation services. The respective Committee may subsequently modify the decision in the light of changed requirements.

Working Groups

~~The Committee may establish a coordinating Working Group on Aviation Cybersecurity Threats and Hazards.~~

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DEFINITIONS

Alternate

means a person appointed by a Member of the AHCCC to participate and act on its behalf in a Committee meeting which the respective nominated Member is unable to attend.

Council

means the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Majority

~~*means more than half of the Members the total membership of the Committee present.*~~

Meeting

a single sitting of the Committee, either physical or virtual, from the time it comes to order until it adjourns.

Member

means nominees selected and appointed to serve on the Committee.

Observer

means a person who is not a Member and who is nominated by a State or organization to participate in one or more of the meetings of the Committee.

Simple majority

~~*means more than half of the Members of the Committee.*~~

I.MEMBERSHIP

1. AHCCC Members

1.1.1 Members of the AHCCC are appointed by the Council based on nominations received from the Air Transport Committee (ATC), the Aviation Security Committee (ASC), the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), and every panel and expert group regularly addressing aviation cybersecurity matters in its respective work programmes or mandate.

1.1.2 The following shall be taken into account when nominating and selecting Members of the AHCCC:

- a. knowledge of aviation cybersecurity;
- b. comprehensive understanding of the work programme and plans related to aviation cybersecurity matters of their respective Committee, Commission, panel, expert group or any subsidiary body thereof; and
- c. capacity to inform the AHCCC on the work developments related to aviation cybersecurity matters of their respective Committee, Commission, panel, expert group or any subsidiary body thereof.

1.1.3 In addition to the criteria in paragraph 1.1.2, Membership of the AHCCC would ensure:

- a. an adequate representation of the different aviation domains of relevance to aviation cybersecurity;
- b. balanced gender and geographical representation, to the extent possible; and
- c. participation of industry, to the extent possible.

1.1.4 The ATC, the ASC and the ANC will each nominate one Member on the AHCCC for the Council's consideration.

1.1.5 The panels and expert groups invited to nominate AHCCC Members shall each submit to Council in writing a nomination of a prospective Member accompanied with the nominee's curriculum vitae having due regard to the criteria in paragraphs 1.1.2 and 1.1.3.

1.1.6 Members who are nominated from Panels and expert groups shall act in a capacity of representing their Panels and expert groups when informing the AHCCC regarding the cyber-related work of their Panels and expert groups, in order to support the development and coordination of a comprehensive ICAO Aviation Cybersecurity Work Programme.

1.1.7 During the AHCCC deliberations, Members work in their respective personal expert capacity. Members shall therefore express their professional views and not established policies or points of view of a State or organization.

1.1.8 Should the AHCCC identify additional areas of its work that are not adequately covered by the expertise of its Members, it may recommend to Council expanding its membership to cover the missing expertise.

1.1.9 Members on the AHCCC shall serve on the Committee in so far as they continue to be Members of their respective Committees, Commission, panels, and expert groups defined in paragraph 1.1.1.

1.1.10 If a Member of the AHCCC withdraws for any reason, the concerned Committee, Commission, panel or expert group shall nominate a candidate for the Council's consideration. The applicable selection and nomination process in paragraphs 1.1.4 or 1.1.5 is applied to replace the withdrawing Member.

1.1.11 If a nominated Member is not able to participate in a meeting of the Committee, the Member shall coordinate the nomination of an Alternate with the Chairperson/President of their respective Committees, Commission, panels and expert groups. The nomination will be submitted for approval of the Chairperson of the Committee.

1.1.12 If a Member is not present at two consecutive meetings, and fails to nominate an Alternate for those meetings, the Council, at the recommendation of the Chairperson, may terminate the mandate of that Member and request the concerned Committee, Commission, panel or expert group to submit a nomination to fill the vacant position according to the applicable process in paragraphs 1.1.4 or 1.1.5.

1.2 AHCCC Observers

1.2.1 The AHCCC may invite Observers, including upon request, to participate in meetings to bring their independent views, knowledge and experience, as well as ensure additional adequate contribution of the industry to the AHCCC work.

1.2.2 Observers have the right to submit papers, receive meeting documentation and take part in the discussions of the AHCCC but without the right to vote, move or second motions.

1.3 Others

1.3.1 The AHCCC may arrange for participation by aviation and/or non-aviation experts other than Members and Observers on an ad-hoc basis. Such individuals act in an advisory capacity to the Committee.

II. GOVERNANCE

2.1 Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

2.1.1 The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the AHCCC shall be appointed by the ICAO Council. The Chairperson shall remain in office for one year or until a successor is elected. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson may be reappointed.

2.1.2 The Chairperson serves as the primary liaison with the Council. The functions and responsibilities of the Chairperson are:

- a. developing the agenda of the meetings for approval by the President of the Council under delegated authority;
- b. convening and presiding over the meetings, opening and closing each meeting, directing the discussion in a structured, focused and objective manner, according the right to speak, putting questions to vote and announcing the results;
- c. developing and presenting the AHCCC meetings' reports to the Council; and
- d. ensuring the observance of the AHCCC Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedures.

2.1.3 A Member discharging the functions of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson under these Rules shall retain the right to vote as a Member.

2.1.4 In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall exercise the functions vested in the Chairperson by these Rules.

III. WORKING METHODS

3.1 Meetings of the AHCCC

3.1.1 A ~~simple~~ majority of Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of the business of the AHCCC.

3.1.2 Meetings shall normally be convened at least once per year. The determination of the date, duration and place of a meeting will be made by consultation between the AHCCC Chairperson and the Secretariat, and is subject to ICAO's meeting programme.

3.1.3 The Chairperson, with the approval of the President of the Council, may call for a meeting outside the scheduled programme.

3.1.4 An agenda shall be distributed to all Members and Observers before the meeting in order to allow sufficient time to all experts to provide documents relevant to the agenda, as necessary, and taking into consideration administrative requirements.

3.1.5 Meetings of the AHCCC may take place in a physical, virtual or hybrid format as determined by Council. Physical meetings are normally held at ICAO Headquarters.

3.2 Voting

3.2.1 Each Member has one vote.

3.2.2 The AHCCC endeavours to reach consensus on the substance of all the agenda items. Should this fail, the meeting shall resort to a vote and the conclusion/decision/recommendation will be adopted ~~according to the views of the~~ by a majority of the Members of the Committee present at the meeting at which the vote is taken. In such a case, the views of the minority will be recorded in the report as per paragraph 3.3.2.

3.3 Reporting to the Council

3.3.1 The AHCCC reports the outcome of its discussions to the Council. The report should contain sufficiently detailed explanations concerning the conclusions and recommendations reached.

3.3.2 Should the AHCCC adopt a conclusion/decision/recommendation by majority of votes cast, the report shall include records of the views of the minority as well as views of the majority of Members and the elements that support each view.

3.3.3 The Council refers such reports to the Air Transport Committee, the Aviation Security Committee and the Air Navigation Commission for review. The Air Transport Committee, the Aviation Security Committee and the Air Navigation Commission will present oral reports on their respective reviews to the Council for its consideration.

3.3.4 The decisions of the Council related to the ICAO Aviation Cybersecurity Work Programme that affect the work of ICAO expert groups will be enacted respectively by the ATC, the ASC, and the ANC, as required.

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