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COUNCIL — 232ND SESSION

SIXTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONDAY, 17 JUNE 2024, AT 1000¹ AND 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Secretary General's end of term report

1. The Council resumed its consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15599, which presented the Secretary General's end of term report (C-DEC 232/5, refers).
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) welcomed the comprehensive information presented on the range of initiatives that had been undertaken by the Secretary General over the course of his first term, and expressed appreciation for the ambitious initiatives aimed at the modernization and transformation of the Organization and positive results which had been achieved by the Organization under his leadership over the past three years; and
 - b) took note of the contents of the report, and in doing so, acknowledged that a number of significant issues that held implications vis-à-vis the Organization's activities, including in particular the sustainability of the budget, ICAO Strategic Plan and the key activities under the Transformational Objective, would be progressed further over the course of his second term.

Clear Air Turbulence

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of PowerPoint presentations delivered by the Representative of Austria and the Secretariat, in relation to recent occurrences of clear air turbulence and their impact on global air navigation safety, and the work being undertaken by the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and the Secretariat in this regard.
4. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) took note of the information presented, and in doing so, invited the President of the Air Navigation Commission to convey to the ANC and Meteorology Panel (METP) the concerns expressed by the Council over the course of its discussion on this subject, and to explore opportunities to accelerate their work in this area, to the extent possible; and

¹The sixth meeting of the Council commenced immediately following the conclusion of the meeting of the Air Transport Committee.

- b) requested the Secretariat to continue to monitor developments in this area closely, including the potential linkages with climate change, and to identify means for collecting relevant data and statistics regarding occurrences of clear air turbulence, at both the regional and global levels, and in this connection requested that the Secretariat, in collaboration with the ANC, continue to keep the Council apprised in this regard.

Update on the work on the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSA)

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15587, which presented an update on recent developments relating to the implementation of CORSIA, including information regarding the CORSIA Eligible Fuels and CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units, as well as the support of CAEP to the Council in undertaking the 2025 CORSIA periodic review. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) requested CAEP to closely monitor the membership of its Fuels Task Group (FTG) Board, and consider any appropriate actions that may be taken to ensure equitable geographical representation among the Board's members, while also avoiding potential conflicts of interest, and in this connection, requested that the Secretariat report back to the Council in this regard, as required;
- b) further requested CAEP to take concrete steps to accelerate the development and approval of new Sustainability Certification Schemes for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other aviation cleaner energies, as well as to accelerate the analysis and approval of life cycle values for new fuel sources and pathways, in line with paragraph 13 of the ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other Aviation Cleaner Energies and the CORSIA requirements, with the necessary support of the Secretariat;
- c) also requested CAEP to provide subsequent updates of the CORSIA analyses to support the Council in undertaking the 2025 CORSIA periodic review, as per the schedule outlined by the CAEP in this regard, as presented to the CEC during the current Session and as contained in the reference document to C-WP/15587;
- d) emphasized the need for further information to be provided on the supply, regional distribution and price of CORSIA Eligible Emissions Units and CORSIA Eligible Fuels, as a key input to the 2025 CORSIA periodic review and to any recommendations that would form part of the report by the Council to the 42nd Session of the Assembly; and
- e) requested CAEP to develop guidance for States and aeroplane operators on matters related to the claiming of sustainable aviation fuels in other regulatory and voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) schemes, and the potential impact on the availability of CORSIA Eligible Fuels.

Financial Statements and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 2023

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15578 which presented the audited Financial Statements of the Organization for the year ended 31 December 2023, reflecting the financial situation of ICAO, as well as the financial performance of projects and activities managed by ICAO on behalf of third parties. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC), as well as a presentation by the External Auditor.

8. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed appreciation to the representatives of the Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) for their comprehensive report and for the additional clarifications provided to the FIC during the Committee phase;
- b) agreed that in relation to the audited ICAO financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, the deadline for their submission to the Council would be extended to 31 May 2025, in order to accommodate the expected roll-out of the new enterprise resource planning (ERP) system in early 2025, on the understanding that doing so would not impact the review of the financial statements and report of the external auditor by the FIC and the Council during the 235th Session;
- c) noted, with satisfaction, the External Auditor's unqualified opinion on the Organization's Financial Statements for the financial year 2023, as well as the improved financial performance and position of the Organization, and while expressing concern regarding the number of outstanding recommendations in the area of ICT, acknowledged that these outstanding recommendations were expected to be closed by the Secretariat following the implementation of the ERP system next year; and
- d) approved the submission of the financial audit reports contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15578 to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly, and in doing so, took note of the Secretariat plan of action in response to the recommendations by the External Auditor, as proposed in the Annex to the working paper.

Environmental protection – Recent developments in ICAO and other United Nations bodies and international organizations

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15586 Revision No. 1, which presented a roadmap for the implementation of the CAAF/3 outcomes, including planned actions, roles and responsibilities, timeframes, required resources, and the linkages with related ICAO work, including LTAG implementation, leading to the 42nd Session of the Assembly in 2025 and covering the period up to the convening of CAAF/4, by no later than 2028. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

10. Following consideration, the Council approved the ICAO roadmap for the implementation of the ICAO Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other Aviation Cleaner Energies, including the planned actions, roles and responsibilities, timeframe, required resources, and the relationship with related ICAO work, such as the LTAG implementation, leading to the 42nd Session of the Assembly in 2025, and until the convening of CAAF/4 by no later than 2028, as amended by the CEC and appended to its oral report, and subject to the further modifications relating to Building Blocks 2, 3 and 4 agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration, as reproduced in the Appendix to this decision, on the understanding that:

- a) the ICAO roadmap would be a “living document”, to be regularly updated to reflect the progress of implementation and elaborate on further actions, it being understood that henceforth, this subject would become a recurring item to be reported on during subsequent sessions of the Council, as required;
- b) the ICAO roadmap transparently outlines the additional resources required to implement the Global Framework and the LTAG, and should be used to inform resource mobilization efforts, and subject to the upcoming 2026-2028 Business Plan and Regular Budget discussions;
- c) the implementation of the ICAO roadmap should be progressed in a balanced manner between the four interdependent Building Blocks, and should give immediate focus to the need to accelerate the level of capacity-building and implementation support, financing, and other critical enabling and monitoring elements, so that it may foster swift production and deployment of aviation cleaner energies in all regions; and
- d) the Secretariat should ensure coordination among all relevant Bureaux and ICAO bodies on cross-cutting issues relating to the implementation of LTAG, and all the elements of the ICAO basket of measures for emissions reductions, under the “One-ICAO” approach, with clearly defined roles and responsibilities, such as for undertaking the feasibility studies under ACT-SAF and the operationalization of the Finvest Hub.

Any other business

International Organizations invited to participate in the 39th Session of the Legal Committee

11. Pursuant to the request received by the President of the Council from the East African Community Civil Aviation Safety and Security Oversight Agency (EAC-CASSOA) expressing their desire to attend the upcoming 39th Session of the ICAO Legal Committee (Montreal, 25 to 28 June 2024), the Council agreed that EAC-CASSOA should be invited to participate in this event.

APPENDIX

APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE ROADMAP FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ICAO GLOBAL FRAMEWORK¹

1. ROADMAP FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ICAO GLOBAL FRAMEWORK

[...]

Building Block 2 (Regulatory Framework) – Environmental Tools and Platform

a) *Proposed Actions*

- To urgently accelerate the analysis and approval of life cycle values for new fuel sources and pathways, while ensuring environmental integrity in line with CORSIA requirements.
- To urgently accelerate the development and approval of new Sustainability Certification Schemes (SCS) in all regions, while ensuring environmental integrity in line with CORSIA requirements.

[...]

Building Block 3 (Implementation Support) – ACT-SAF and ACT-LTAG programmes

a) *Proposed Actions*

[...]

- To implement the ACT-SAF programme, including:
 - [...]
 - assistance with development of feasibility studies and business cases, involving the development and production of SAF, LCAF and other aviation cleaner energies;
 - supporting the development of project proposals to facilitate their financial access under the Finvest Hub; and

[...]

c) **Required Resources²**

[...]

- Additional resources to support the development of project proposals for the Finvest Hub.

¹ The text presented herewith reflects the additional amendments agreed by the ICAO Council to the ICAO Roadmap for the Implementation of the Global Framework, on the basis of the modifications proposed by the CEC and appended to its oral report.

Building Block 4 (Financing) – Advocacy & Outreach, ICAO Finvest Hub and Study

[...]

c) **Required Resources²**

[...]

- Resources for the development of a study through the services of a third-party consultancy and possible resources for the follow-up activities related to the subject, in light of the deliberations of the 42nd Session of the Assembly.

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