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COUNCIL — 232ND SESSION

EIGHTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2024, AT 1430 HOURS¹)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Financing for aviation CO₂ emissions reduction measures

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15588, which provided an update on the progress of work undertaken by the Small Group on Financing for Aviation CO₂ Emissions Reduction Measures.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15588 regarding the progress made by the Small Group to advance its work with the support of the Secretariat;
 - b) also took note of the Terms of Reference (TORs) for the third-party consultancy that would be contracted to undertake the study requested by the Council in response to operative clause 18 b) of Assembly Resolution A41-21 (C-DEC 230/5, refers), as approved by the Small Group and appended to C-WP/15588; and
 - c) further noted the next steps and timeline established by the Small Group for the delivery of its final report to the Council during the 234th Session, in early 2025, and in that connection, invited the Small Group to continue to provide the Council with regular progress updates, in the intervening period.

Recent Occurrences of GNSS Interference

3. The Council considered this matter on the basis of an oral update presented by the Representative of France and a PowerPoint presentation delivered by the Secretariat in relation to the increasing number of incidents of observed GNSS interference, globally, and the implications for air navigation safety and security.
4. Following consideration, the Council:

¹ The eighth meeting of the Council commenced immediately following the adjournment of the seventh meeting, which was held in Closed Session.

- a) in noting the information presented, expressed serious concerns regarding the impact of GNSS interference on the safety and security of air navigation systems, and in doing so, underscored the need for the Council to be actively involved in defining a comprehensive and well-coordinated approach to address this pressing issue;
- b) requested that the Secretariat organize an informal briefing on this subject during the 233rd Session, in order to report on any relevant outcomes or emerging issues arising from the 14th ICAO Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14), as well as the progress of ICAO's ongoing activities in this area, particularly as they relate to mitigation measures aimed at reducing the likelihood and impact of GNSS interference on aviation operations, and the existing legal instruments which may be applicable in this context;
- c) agreed that that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) should also be invited to make presentations to the Council during said informal briefing, it being understood that the relevance of this issue for a number of other United Nations (UN) Agencies and its global implications could warrant bringing this matter to the attention of the wider UN system, in due course; and
- d) further agreed that the Council should continue to remain seized of this matter and to be kept apprised of developments in this regard, for further action, as may be required.

Report on the Fourth Meeting of the Industry Consultative Forum

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15603, which presented the report and recommendations arising from the fourth meeting of the Industry Consultative Forum (ICF/4), which had been held from 5 to 6 February 2024, as well as provided a progress update on the status of preparations for ICF/5.

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information contained in C-WP/15603, and in doing so, endorsed the recommendations arising from the fourth meeting of the ICF, as outlined in paragraph 2 of the working paper;
- b) requested that the Secretariat transmit the ICF/4 report and recommendations to the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), as well as any relevant Panels under their remit, for their consideration and in order to ensure that applicable aspects of the recommendations would be taken into account in the ongoing work programmes of the ANC and the Panels;
- c) invited the SGICF to undertake the necessary actions to organize the fifth meeting of the ICF on operational improvements in the area of "integrated airspace innovation and digitalization", in line with the concept note presented in Appendix B to the working paper, and noting that the event was scheduled to take place from 28 to 29 October 2024; and

- d) underscoring the relevance of involving the industry from developing States in the ICF, invited the SGICF to continue efforts to increase the level of engagement with potential industry partners from all regions, and to explore available options that would maximise in this regard.

Any other business

Outcomes of the Council Off-site Strategy

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Council, which outlined the main conclusions from the discussions held during the Council Off-site Strategy Meeting (COSM), which took place from 3 to 5 June 2024, in Ottawa, Canada.

8. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) invited the Small Group on ICAO Budget Sustainability to continue its work to develop potential options for establishing a sustainable budget mechanism, with a view to outlining a future Concept Document which would, *inter alia*, frame policies to be adopted in order to provide guidance on the proposed expansion of revenue generation activities, and the increase of resource mobilization efforts, including financial contributions from industry partners, in the context of ensuring a more sustainable budget;
- b) agreed that in relation to future ICAO Assembly sessions, there was a need:
 - i. to better utilize the conclusions and recommendations of the High-level Conferences preceding the ICAO Assembly in framing the expected outcomes of the Assembly session;
 - ii. for the current guidelines to Member States on the preparation of working papers to be elaborated upon to underscore the need to focus as much as possible on decisions to be taken on the adoption of amendments to Assembly Resolutions, while at the same time also refraining from submitting extensive and/or substantive amendments thereon after the established deadlines for the submission of Assembly documentation or indeed during the session itself;
 - iii. to better clarify the purpose of the subsidiary bodies of the Assembly, including the Executive Committee and the Commissions, and to highlight that their primary task was to frame proposals for decisions to be presented to the Plenary, it being understood that any voting thereon should in-principle occur primarily in the Plenary and not in the subsidiary bodies;
 - iv. that notwithstanding the guidance outlined in the preceding sub-paragraph iii) pertaining to voting being avoided in the subsidiary bodies, to recommend that in the event that voting on a particular question does take place in one of the subsidiary bodies, then voting on that same question should not then re-occur subsequently in the Plenary; and
- c) in view of the preceding, tasked the Secretariat with drafting additional and expanded guidance on the preparation of Assembly documentation taking into account the points listed above, as well as the lessons learned from AN-Conf/14, as appropriate, for

incorporation into the guidelines attached to the State Letter inviting Member States to attend the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly, it being understood that this guidance would be presented to the Council for consideration in due course; and

- d) expressed appreciation to the Chairperson and Members of the Small Group on Lessons Learned from A41 for all their efforts to date in furtherance of the mandate of the Small Group.

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