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COUNCIL — 232ND SESSION

ELEVENTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 21 JUNE 2024 AT 1000 AND 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Review of the ICAO Policy on Interactions with External Parties

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15590, which pursuant to C-DEC 225/3 and C-DEC 229/5, presented proposed amendments to the *ICAO Policy on Interactions with External Parties*, including a new *Due Diligence Framework for Engagements with External Parties*. The Council also had for consideration an oral report (Revision No. 1) thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) endorsed, in principle, the revised *ICAO Policy on Interactions with External Parties*, as contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15590, including the *Due Diligence Framework for Engagements with External Parties*, as further modified by the COG and appended to its oral report, and subject to the additional modifications and clarifications provided to the Council over the course of its deliberations, including, *inter alia*, the amendments proposed by the Delegation of Brazil, and in doing so, requested that a final version of the *Policy* be presented by the Secretariat to the Council during the 233rd Session, via the COG, for approval;
- b) requested that the criteria and guiding principles contained in the *Policy*, as they relate to engagement with external entity engagements should encompass the principles of inclusiveness and gender balance;
- c) further requested that the Secretariat establish the necessary controls regarding the use of the ICAO emblem, including a more effective means for coordinating and processing the requests received by ICAO in this regard; and
- d) expressed appreciation to the Chairpersons and members of the CCEP and the Small Group on Sustainable Financing, as well as the Secretariat, for their efforts to update the *Policy*, including the new *Due Diligence Framework*, which represented a significant step toward safeguarding the Organization from various risks arising from engagements with external entities.

ICAO Accountability Framework

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report (Revision No. 1) from the Chairperson of the Small Group on the Accountability Framework, which pursuant to C-DEC 231/7, presented a revised version of the ICAO Accountability Framework. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the ICAO Accountability Framework, as revised by the COG and appended to its oral report, and taking into account the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its deliberations, including, *inter alia*, clarifications to be made to the text of paragraphs 2.7 (1) a), and 2.8 (1) a);
- b) affirmed that in the context of the ICAO Accountability Framework, the accountability of the Council was of a collective nature and applied to the governing body as a whole, and therefore, did not impart any individual accountability on the part of Council Representatives in their own right; and
- c) expressed appreciation to the Chairperson and Members of the Small Group on the Accountability Framework for all their efforts and for having concluded their mandate in an effective and timely manner, and in this connection, agreed that the Small Group would be disbanded accordingly.

Convening of the ICAO Facilitation Conference 2025 (FALC 2025)

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15602, which presented a proposal for the convening of an ICAO Facilitation Conference (FALC), from 14 to 17 April 2025. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the convening of the ICAO Facilitation Conference 2025 (FALC 2025) in Qatar, to be held tentatively from 14 to 17 April 2025, on the understanding that the Secretariat would undertake the necessary actions to ensure that these proposed dates did not conflict with the scheduling of other major events;
- b) requested that the Secretariat, in consultation with the Facilitation Panel (FALP), undertake a thorough review of the proposed draft agenda for the FALC 2025, as contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15602, with a view to streamlining the agenda to better align with the outcomes envisaged for the 42nd Session of the Assembly;
- c) further requested the Secretariat, also in collaboration with the FALP, to prepare a draft Declaration that could be adopted by the Conference as a means to guide ICAO's future work in the area of Facilitation, it being understood that the draft Declaration would be presented for consideration by the Council during the 234th Session;
- d) encouraged Member States to consider including representatives from their foreign affairs, health, tourism, immigration and customs agencies, among the members of their delegations attending the FALC 2025 in addition to officials from their civil aviation authorities, considering the broad range of topics encompassed under

Facilitation, and agreed that representatives from relevant international organizations, industry stakeholders and the private sector should also be invited to participate;

- e) requested the Secretariat to explore, in consultation with the Host State, the feasibility of convening the Fourteenth Meeting of the FALP (FALP/14) either immediately before, or on the sidelines of the FALC 2025;
- f) also requested that the Secretariat report to the Council on the status of arrangements for the FALC 2025, including the progress made to prepare the draft Declaration and revised agenda, at the next Council Session; and
- g) expressed its sincere gratitude to the Government of Qatar for generously offering to host this event.

Cost Recovery for the Provision of Space Weather Information Services

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report from the Chairperson of the Small Group on Cost Recovery for the Provision of Space Weather Information Services (SWIS), which provided a progress update on the work undertaken by the Small Group since last reported to the Council during the 231st Session (C-DEC 231/6, refers). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

8. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the progress made by the Small Group to date, as reported in its oral report; and
- b) invited the Small Group on SWIS to continue its work to develop one or more concept notes, as appropriate, containing different options for a cost recovery arrangement, with a view to presenting these concept notes for consideration by the ATC during the 233rd Session.

Elections by the Council

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15575, which related to: the election of the three Vice-Presidents of the Council, and the Chairpersons of the of the Air Transport (ATC), Aviation Security (ASC), Climate and Environment (CEC), Finance (FIC), Joint Support (JSC), Technical Cooperation (TCC) and Relations with the Host Country (RHCC) Committees, as well as the Committees on Governance (COG) and Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP); as well as decide on the composition of these Committees, and the Edward Warner Committee. Representatives had been invited to submit the names of Members and Alternates to serve on the various Council Committees in the President's memorandum PRES SS/3610 dated 12 April 2024.

10. For the purposes of electing the First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, as well as the Chairpersons of the Committees, the Council agreed to suspend paragraph 3 of Appendix B and that part of paragraph 2 of Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559) related to the elections taking place by secret ballot unless waived by unanimous decision of the Members represented at the meeting.

11. On the nomination of the Representative of Nigeria, the Council elected the Representative of Equatorial Guinea (Mr. Estanislao Esono Anguesomo) as its First Vice-President, the

Representative of Malaysia (Ms. Flora Chin Lee Sa) as its Second Vice-President, and the Representative of the United Kingdom (Mr. Andrew O’Henley) as its Third Vice-President, for the period 2024-2025, with effect from the 233rd Session, pursuant to Appendix B of its Rules of Procedure.

12. In electing the incoming Vice-Presidents, the Council expressed its appreciation by acclamation to the three out-going Vice-Presidents: Mr. Mahmoud Sani Ben Tukur (Nigeria), Mr. Laurent Pic (France) and Ms. Eileen Poh (Singapore).

13. Pursuant to Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), and the *Special Provisions of the Rules of Procedure for Standing Committees of the Council* (Doc 8146), the Council then:

- a) appointed the Members and Alternates of the JSC, FIC, ASC, TCC, CEC and RHCC appearing in Appendix B, as well as the Members of the CCEP and the EWA as presented in the e-mail circulated by the President of the Council on 19 June 2024, for the period 2024-2025, with effect as from the 233rd Session;
- b) noted that the composition of the ATC and COG consisted of Representatives of all Members of the Council or in their absence, their Alternates, for a period of three years, with effect as from the 227th Session of the Council.

14. Pursuant to Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), and the *Special Provisions of the Rules of Procedure for Standing Committees of the Council* (Doc 8146), the Council then elected the Chairpersons of the ATC, FIC, JSC, TCC, ACS, CEC, RHCC, COG and CCEP, for the period 2024-2025, with effect from the 233rd Session, as follows:

- a) on the nomination of the Representative of the Republic of Korea, the Council elected the Representative of Qatar (Mr. Essa Al-Malki) as the Chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC);
- b) on the nomination of the Representative of Mexico, the Council elected the Representative of Germany (Mr. Heinz Decker) as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee (FIC);
- c) on the nomination of the Representative of Austria, the Council elected the Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (Mr. Jose Villaverde) as the Chairperson of the Joint Support of Air Navigation Services Committee (JSC);
- d) on the nomination of the Representative of Romania, the Council elected the Representative of Argentina (Mr. Gerardo Ezequiel Bompadre) as the Chairperson of the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Support Committee (TCC);
- e) on the nomination of the Representative of Saudi Arabia, the Council elected the Representative of the Republic of Korea (Dr. Jaewan Lee) as the Chairperson of the Aviation Security Committee (ASC);
- f) on the nomination of the Representative of Australia, the Council elected the Representative of Canada (Ms. Annik Goulet) as the Chairperson of the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC);

- g) on the nomination of the Representative of Argentina, the Council elected the Representative of Mauritania (Mr. Brahim Kane) as the Chairperson of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC);
- h) on the nomination of the Representative of Equatorial Guinea, the Council elected the Representative of Iceland (Ms. Valdís Aðalsteinsdóttir) as the Chairperson of the Committee on Governance (COG); and
- i) on the nomination of the Representative of Zimbabwe, the Council elected the Representative of India (Mr. Angshumali Rastogi) as the Chairperson of the Committee on Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP).

15. In electing the incoming Chairpersons of the Committees, the Council expressed its appreciation by acclamation to all the outgoing Chairpersons of the Committees.

16. In addition, the Council agreed that authority would be delegated to the President of the Council to amend the composition of the JSC, FIC, ASC, TCC, CEC and RHCC, these being Committees with open membership, as required. The Council further agreed to delegate authority to the President of the Council to review the composition of the Small Groups of the Council, taking into account the need to ensure equitable geographical representation and gender balance among their membership.

Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 233rd Session

17. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15582, which presented the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 233rd Session. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

18. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the work programme of the Council and its Committees for the 233rd Session, as contained in C-WP/15582, subject to the revisions agreed by the Council over the course of its deliberations, including the addition of:
 - i. a report on the progress of implementation of the new quality management approach in the Capacity Development and Implementation (CDI) Bureau (C-DEC 230/4, refers);
 - ii. an item related to the letter received from the Russian Federation on 17 June 2024 ending its participation in these proceedings and other correspondence received from the Russian Federation (C-DEC 232/7 and C-DEC 232/9 refers) in order to take into account comments made by a number of Representatives during the earlier meetings of the current session; and
 - iii. an oral update on the status of the investigation into anonymous e-mail messages;
- b) also approved the list of proposed informal briefings, as provided in Appendix A to the COG oral report, while agreeing that these would be scheduled to the extent possible during the Committee phase;

- c) took note of the proposed list of items to be shared for information by the Secretariat, as reflected in Appendix B to the COG oral report;
- d) noted that the oral hearings in the matter relating to the *Settlement of Differences: Australia and the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation* (2022) would be scheduled the week of 7 October 2024 during the sessional recess, it being understood that the scheduling of the hearings would aim to minimize any overlap with the other ICAO meetings taking place that week, to the extent possible; and
- e) recalled that the decisions taken by the Council over the course of the current Session that affect the work programme for the 233rd Session in terms of supplementary items, amendments to existing items, or deferrals of items, and that were not currently reflected, would be incorporated in a revised version of C-WP/15582, which would be issued in due course.

Report presented by the President of the Council on the status of activities relating to Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs)

19. The Council took note of the information provided by the President of the Council in his oral report regarding the work undertaken by the Organization in support of Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), including the development of a proposal by the Secretariat for conducting an aviation needs analysis for LLDCs, and associated resource mobilization plan. It was understood that the Council would continue to be kept apprised of further developments in this regard.

Farewell to Council Representatives

20. The Council bade farewell to the Representative of Saudi Arabia (Dr. Bader Alsagri) and the Chargé d’Affaires and Alternate Representative of the United States (Mr. Andrew Veprek).

Farewell to Chief, Assembly and Council Secretariat (C/ACS)

21. The Council bade farewell to the Chief, Assembly and Council Secretariat (ACS), Mr. Andrew Larcos.

Information items considered by Council Committees

22. The Council noted that based on the summaries of discussions issued over the course of the current session, the following information items had been considered by the various subsidiary bodies of the Council and that no further action was required therefrom:

- *Report on Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau activities during 2023 and Update of the Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) Budget for 2024*
- *Rapid Assessment on the new ICT Strategy and Action Plan*
- *Implementation of the New ERP System - Interim Audit Results*
- *Progress achieved by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC)*

Items circulated for information only

23. The Council noted that the following information items had been circulated for information purposes, and had been published on the Council website, accordingly:

- *ICAO Financial Situation Report (January to March 2024)*
- *Progress Report on the Preparation for the Renovation Works of the EUR/NAT Regional Office Premises*
- *Report on Publications for 2023*
- *Report on Status of the ICAO Workforce for 2023*

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