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**DRAFT TEXT FOR THE GENERAL SECTION OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION'S REPORT
AND FOR THE REPORT
ON
AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 8**

The attached material on the General Section of its Report and Agenda Items 7 and 8 is submitted for consideration by the Economic Commission.

REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION TO THE ASSEMBLY

General

1. The Economic Commission held ... meetings between 4 and 8 October 2004.
2. Mr. A. Faletau (Tonga) was elected Chairman of the Commission at the 4th Plenary meeting of the Assembly. The Commission, at its 1st meeting, elected Mr. R. Lutchmedial (Trinidad and Tobago) and Mr. L. Lövkvist (Finland) as First and Second Vice-Chairmen respectively.
3. Representatives from ... Contracting States and ... Observer Delegations attended one or more meetings of the Commission.
4. The Secretary of the Commission was Mr. M. Elamiri, Director of the Air Transport Bureau. The Deputy Secretary was Mr. J. Crayston, Deputy Director of the Air Transport Bureau. The Assistant Secretaries were Mr. J.-C. Bugnet, Mr. A. Costaguta, Mr. J. Gunther, Mr. Ö. Magnusson, Ms. M. McMunn and Ms. G. Resiak, with Mr. R. Abeyratne as the Liaison Officer.

Agenda and working arrangements

5. Agenda Items 7, 8, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 referred to the Commission by the Plenary were considered:

Item 7: Annual Reports of the Council to the Assembly for 2001, 2002 and 2003

Item 8: Programme Budget for 2005, 2006 and 2007

Item 27: Regulation of international air transport services, and outcome of the fifth Worldwide Air Transport Conference

Item 28: Regulation and organization of airports and air navigation services

Item 29: Facilitation

Item 30: Other air transport issues

Item 31: Development of an up-to-date consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies in the air transport field

Item 32: Assembly resolutions to be consolidated or to be declared no longer in force

6. The documentation considered by the Commission is listed by agenda item in the Appendix to this Report. The Commission carried out all of its work in full session. The action taken by the Commission in respect of each item is reported on separately in the paragraphs which follow.

Agenda Item 7: Annual Reports of the Council to the Assembly for 2001, 2002 and 2003

7:1 At its first meeting, the Commission examined Chapters I, III and IV of the Annual Reports of the Council to the Assembly for the years 2001 (Doc 9786), 2002 (Doc 9814) and 2003 (Doc 9826), and a Supplement covering the first six months of 2004, as referred by the Plenary. In each report, Chapter I summarizes the principal trends and developments in civil aviation and the work of ICAO, while Chapters III and IV deal respectively with the activities and developments in ICAO in the air transport and joint financing fields.

7:2 During the past triennium, in addition to ongoing work on air transport economics, joint financing, statistics, forecasting and facilitation, a major meeting had taken place, the fifth ICAO Worldwide Air Transport Conference (ATConf/5, March 2003) the outcome of which with reference to new or revised policy guidance of special interest to the Commission would be presented under Agenda Item 27: Regulation of international air transport services, and outcome of the fifth Worldwide Air Transport Conference.

7:3 The Commission noted that the Air Transport Bureau was also actively involved in work on aviation security, environmental protection and in providing support to the implementation of the International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS) which were being considered by the Executive Committee under Agenda Items 14, 15 and 18 respectively.

7:4 The Commission noted that the Organization had adapted to changing requirements and achieved significant progress in the air transport field over the triennium. Particular note was taken of the analysis, design and implementation of the new integrated statistical database (ISDB) for civil aviation; this initiative has enabled all Contracting States to have on-line access to the ICAO statistics.

Agenda Item 8: Programme Budget for 2005, 2006 and 2007

8:1 The Commission examined the Programme Budget of the Organization in the air transport field (including joint financing), as presented in WP/20, Corrigenda Nos. 1 and 2 as well as Addendum No. 1 (Major Programme III and the air transport sub-programmes of Major Programme V: Regional and Other Programmes), as referred by the Plenary.

8:2 The Commission noted that the Air Transport major programme for the 2005-2007 triennium reflects a significant repositioning and continuing evolution, consistent with the Strategic Action Plan, in response to heightened concerns regarding aviation safety and security, increasing globalization and trans-nationalization of markets, the emergence of regional and sub-regional trading and regulatory blocs, liberalization of economic regulation and recognition of and response to environmental concerns.

8:3 The Commission also noted that in order to accommodate the increased demand and change in emphasis against the realities of reduced human resources, a number of highly desirable tasks performed in previous triennia had been eliminated or cut back in favour of expanded or new tasks which are essential elements of the Strategic Action Plan. Furthermore, in view of increasing resource constraints, no capacity had been included in the proposed budget for any urgent new task which may arise during the next triennium and any such task would have to be accommodated in the work programme through adjustments to the planned programme or changes in priorities in the air transport field.

8:4 The Commission noted that in the Programme Budget for the 2005-2007 triennium, substantial cutbacks are proposed on human resources implementing the air transport programme of the Organization's budget.

8:5 The Commission endorsed as presented the work programme of the Organization in the air transport field for 2005-2007.

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