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DRAFT TEXT FOR THE REPORT
ON
AGENDA ITEM 31

The attached material on Agenda Item 31 is submitted for consideration by the Technical Commission.

Agenda Item 31: Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa

31.1 The Commission reviewed working paper A37-WP/41, presented by the Council, which contained information on the implementation of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (AFI Plan). The paper provided progress made on the basis of the AFI Comprehensive Implementation Programme (ACIP) focus areas developed to implement the plan, and recommended the continuation of ACIP activities under the work programme of the regional Offices. The paper also contained information on the support in kind that was made available directly to ACIP by the African States. Further, the Commission reviewed the resolution proposed to supersede Resolution A36-1 on the agenda item.

31.2 The Commission expressed its satisfaction with the efforts underway, agreeing that the activities initiated by ACIP should continue within the work programme of the Regional Offices until the objectives of the AFI Plan are fully realized.

31.3 The Secretary introduced A37-WP/30, presented by the Council, which provided information on the implementation of the Special Africa-Indian Ocean Regional Air Navigation (SP AFI/08 RAN) Meeting recommendations. Reviewing the progress made, the Commission noted the ongoing efforts by States, the Secretariat and the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG) and recommended that the Assembly: direct the Secretariat to analyze, in coordination with States, the Action Plan and determine the resources required by States for its implementation; request the Council to identify funding sources for the States for the implementation of the Action Plan; and encourage stakeholders to support States in the implementation of the SP AFI/08 RAN Meeting Recommendations. The proposals made in A37-WP/221, presented by South Africa, are aligned with the recommendations of this Special AFI RAN Meeting; however, some of the proposals have financial implications and, as such, will be reviewed by the Council as part of its ongoing and regular review of the Business Plan.

31.4 The Commission reviewed working paper A37-WP/182, presented by the East African Community (EAC), which provided information on projects and programmes carried out under the ACIP. The Commission agreed to recommend that the Assembly: take note of the EAC regional priority projects and programmes approved by the Council for implementation with the support of ACIP; request Contracting States, partners or donors to support the EAC priority programmes and projects in financial, technical or other areas for their conclusive implementation; and support the continuation of ACIP activities within the work programme of the Regional Offices in Africa.

31.5 The Commission reviewed working paper A37-WP/194, presented by the People's Republic of China, focusing on SP AFI/08 RAN Meeting Recommendation 5/8 – Training strategies for aviation safety in Africa and the second Pan-African Training Coordination Conference held in Cairo, Egypt (22-24 June 2010) to follow up on the AFI RAN Recommendation. Reviewing the information and proposals presented, the Commission agreed that action being taken by ICAO, AFCAC and other partners to address the AFI RAN recommendation on training should continue unhindered as part of the ACIP activities that will continue within the regional office work programme and that the recommendations of the second Pan-African Training Conference should be implemented in close coordination and cooperation with all interested parties. The Commission expressed its satisfaction with the action of the

African Aviation Training Experts Working Group (TEWG), established by AFCAC and ACIP, to take action on Recommendation 5/8 of the SP AFI RAN Meeting and encouraged the TEWG to continue its work in implementing the recommendations of the second Pan-African Training Coordination Conference.

31.6 In light of the discussion, the Commission agreed to submit, for adoption by the Plenary, the following resolution:

Resolution 31/1: Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa

Whereas ICAO continues to play its leadership role to reduce serious deficiencies in the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Region which are detrimental to the functioning and further development of international civil aviation;

Noting that actions taken by ICAO under the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Safety in Africa (the AFI Plan) has begun to demonstrate positive progress in enhancing aviation safety in the continent;

Recognizing that success in fully achieving the objectives of the AFI Plan mainly depends on the efforts made by the African States themselves;

Recognizing that many Contracting States in the AFI Region, despite the efforts they make, would, in the immediate future require continue technical and/or financial support from ICAO and other stakeholders to comply with the requirements of the Chicago Convention and its Annexes;

Recognizing that many African States cannot, on their own, support an effective and sustainable national safety oversight system and therefore have to be urged and supported to establish regional safety oversight organizations;

Recalling Recommendation 4/5 of the Special Africa-Indian Ocean Regional Air Navigation Meeting (SP AFI/08 RAN) on the establishment of Regional Accident Investigation Agencies alongside the development and establishment of Regional Safety Oversight Organizations, thus enabling States to meet their international obligations in the area of accident investigation by collaborating and sharing resources;

Noting that ICAO under its AFI Comprehensive Implementation Programme (ACIP) has begun to support many African States to establish a Regional Safety Oversight Organizations and Regional Accident Investigation Agencies;

Noting the recommendations of the ICAO and AFCAC joint meeting on enhancement of aviation safety in Africa held in N'djamena, Chad on 13 May 2010;

Noting that Regional Organizations initiated or established in the AFI Region will continue to require ICAO support for the near future and until they are solidly established and self-supporting;

Recognizing the benefit of continuing to coordinate, under the ICAO umbrella, activities of all stakeholders providing assistance to States in the AFI Region;

Recognizing that ICAO will require additional resources to successfully carry out the support it provides to States in the AFI Region;

Noting that strong Regional Offices would be a positive catalyst for the enhancement of aviation safety in the AFI Region;

The Assembly:

1. *Welcomes* the considerable effort made by African States and regional organizations to enhance aviation safety;
2. *Declares* that the implementation of ACIP programme activities will continue within the work programme of the African Regional Offices;
3. *Urges* the Secretary General to ensure that the African Regional Offices are provided with the required personnel and financial resources to ensure the effective continuation of the work programme initiated by ACIP;
4. *Urges* Contracting States of the AFI Region to commit to and accelerate the establishment of Regional Safety Oversight Organizations and Regional Accident Investigation Agencies, where required, and strengthen cooperation across the region in order to make the optimum use of available resources;
5. *Instructs* the Council to notify States, industry and donors of the priority projects arising from the gap analysis;
6. *Urges* States, industry and donors to implement priority projects identified by the gap analysis, performed in accordance with the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP);
7. *Urges* States, industry and donors to make contributions in cash and kind towards the implementation of the AFI Plan and *instructs* the Council to recognize all such contributions;
8. *Urges* African States, ICAO and AFCAC to jointly address deficiencies identified through the safety oversight audits and implement the recommendations made by the ICAO/AFCAC joint meeting on aviation safety in Africa;
9. *Instructs* the Council to monitor the implementation of the recommendations of the joint ICAO/AFCAC meeting on aviation safety in Africa;
10. *Instructs* the Council to ensure a stronger ICAO leadership role in coordinating activities, initiatives and implementation strategies aimed specifically at implementing priority projects to achieve sustainable improvement of flight safety in the AFI Region and to allocate resources to the relevant Regional Offices accordingly;

11. *Instructs* the Council to monitor and measure the status of implementation in the AFI Region throughout the triennium and to report to the next ordinary session of the Assembly on the progress made; and

12. *Declares* that this resolution supersedes Resolution A36-1.
