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**ASSEMBLY — 35TH SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**DRAFT TEXT FOR THE REPORT  
ON  
AGENDA ITEM 18**

The attached material on Agenda Item 18 is submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee.

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**Agenda Item 18: International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS)**

18:1 At its 8th Meeting, the Executive Committee considered the subject of the International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS) on the basis of A35-WP/54 and Addenda Nos. 1 and 2, which presented the Report of the Council on the IFFAS activities, including performance assessment and financial statements, as required by Assembly Resolution A33-10, paragraph 7.

18:2 The Council reported that IFFAS had been established on 4 December 2002, when the Council adopted the Administrative Charter of IFFAS, and that IFFAS had become operational in 2003 with the appointment of members of the Governing Body of IFFAS and the first evaluation of applications received for assistance. In this evaluation, priority had been given to safety-related projects presented by least developed countries on a regional or sub-regional basis. It was stressed that IFFAS is not limited to providing funding but also acts as a catalyst and facilitator, helping States or groups of States obtain funding from other sources for safety-related projects. All possible measures had been taken to ensure cost-effectiveness in the establishment and administration of IFFAS. In addition to audited financial statements and status of IFFAS contributions, the paper proposed a draft consolidated Assembly Resolution on IFFAS which would supersede Resolution A33-10.

18:3 A large number of delegations expressed their support for IFFAS. It was emphasized that IFFAS is a fundamental means to supplement the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) in helping needy States finance measures to correct deficiencies in aviation safety that have been identified.

18:4 The Committee noted the status of contributions to IFFAS and pledges received amounting to a total of US\$2.6 million. During the discussion on this matter, the Committee confirmed that IFFAS should remain independent from the Regular Programme Budget of ICAO.

18:5 In conclusion, the Committee agreed to recommend that the Assembly adopt the following draft Resolution as amended.

**RESOLUTION FRAMED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
AND RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION BY THE ASSEMBLY**

**Resolution 18/1**

**International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS)**

*Whereas* under Article 44 of the Chicago Convention the aims and objectives of ICAO *inter alia* are to foster planning and development of international air transport so as to ensure the safe and orderly growth of international civil aviation, meet the needs of the people of the world for safe, regular and economical air transport, and promote safety of flight in international air navigation;

*Whereas* under Article 69 of the Chicago Convention, if the Council is of the opinion that the airports and air navigation facilities of a Contracting State are not reasonably adequate for the safe, regular, efficient and economical operation of international air services, the Council shall consult with the State directly concerned, and other States affected, with a view to finding means by which the situation may be remedied, and may make recommendations for that purpose;

*Whereas* in pursuance of Resolution A32-11, the Council has brought into effect, from 1 January 1999, a Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme, and the results of the initial audits of almost all Contracting States under that Programme have been received;

*Whereas* these audits have revealed that a number of Contracting States have to draw on scarce resources from other national priorities in order to implement effective safety oversight and that these States will require various degrees of assistance to meet their safety oversight responsibilities;

*Whereas* most developing States experience difficulties in gaining access to many financial market sources, particularly foreign capital markets, for funding their airport and air navigation services infrastructure, including safety-related components of that infrastructure;

*Whereas* the 33rd Session of the Assembly, satisfied with the Council's study demonstrating the need for an IFFAS, endorsed the establishment of IFFAS; and

*Considering* that IFFAS will provide financial support towards achieving the objectives of improving aviation safety, through the implementation of the necessary corrective measures identified in the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP);

*The Assembly:*

1. *Expresses appreciation* to the Council and the Secretary General for:
  - a) preparing and adopting a clear administrative charter for IFFAS, taking into account the principles and objectives in Resolution A33-10, in particular voluntary participation by States; eligibility for benefits by a State dependent on contributions or other participation by that State; and complete independence from ICAO's Programme Budget;
  - b) establishing ~~an~~ the International Financial Facility for Aviation Safety (IFFAS);
  - c) establishing a Governing Body of IFFAS which ensures adequate representation from amongst participating parties;
  - d) developing Rules of Procedure and guidelines for the Governing Body of IFFAS consistent with ICAO's legal regime; and
  - e) ensuring initial implementation of IFFAS within the 2002-2004 triennium;

2. *Expresses appreciation* to Contracting States and international organizations for their contributions and pledges to IFFAS;
3. *Invites* Contracting States experiencing difficulties in financing measures necessary to correct safety-related deficiencies identified through the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) as an element of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) to take advantage of the assistance which can be offered by IFFAS in the financing of such measures by direct funding or as a facilitator and catalyst for other sources of funding, in order to ensure that required aviation safety standards be maintained globally;
4. *Urges* Contracting States to consider participation in IFFAS by making voluntary financial or in kind contributions to the Facility;
5. *Strongly encourages* international organizations (private and public) having association with international aviation, airlines, airports, providers of air navigation services, manufacturers of airframes, engines and avionics, other members of the aerospace industry, and civil society, to make voluntary financial or in kind contributions to IFFAS;
6. *Requests* the Council to submit to the next ordinary session of the Assembly a report regarding IFFAS activities, including performance assessment and audited financial statements; and
7. *Declares* that this Resolution supersedes Resolution A33-10.

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