



COUNCIL — 221ST SESSION

FIRST MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2020, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Welcome to new Representatives

1. On behalf of the Council, the President warmly welcomed the newly appointed Representatives of France, Peru, Singapore, United Arab Emirates and the United States.

Progress report on implementation of the CART Report recommendations and related Secretariat action plan

2. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report from the Secretary General, which outlined the progress made by the Secretariat in the implementation of the report recommendations of the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force (CART) and the annexed document *Take-off: Guidance for air travel through the COVID-19 public health crisis* (“take-off” guidance document). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee.

3. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for the extensive range of activities and initiatives undertaken in accordance with the Global Implementation Roadmap (GIR), including, inter alia, implementation packages (i-Packs), safety operational measures, activities under the Collaborative Arrangements for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA), facilitation, economic and financial measures, and resource mobilization efforts;
- b) took note of the webinars held with Member States in order to seek greater engagement and active reporting to the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC);
- c) acknowledged various challenges faced by Member States in their efforts to implement the CART recommendations and guidance, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to continue to provide updates regarding information submitted by Member States in the CRRIC, clarify issues with more specific context, and identify possible means to address the identified challenges;
- d) reiterated the important role to be played by ICAO in harmonizing the responses by industry as well as international and regional organizations according to applicable

circumstances, and in assisting Member States in prioritizing and balancing their implementation efforts;

- e) invited CART to continue to consider targeted measures that would help to address some of the implementation challenges faced by Member States at a strategic level in conjunction with the evolving industry initiatives related to testing, quarantine and other risk management measures;
- f) underscored the importance of regular updates being carried out to the economic impact analysis of COVID-19 on the air transport sector, in order to provide a detailed indication of air travel recovery in support of the work of ICAO and Member States; and
- g) took note that CART will reconvene for an additional meeting in the course of the current session and that in this connection, a report will be presented to the Council in the third week of this session in order to update on the status of ongoing deliberations on issues under consideration in CART.

Economic impact of COVID-19 on air transport

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15080, which presented the latest information concerning the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on air transport. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee.

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) welcomed the information presented concerning the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on air transport, including in relation to the overall macroeconomic situation, the operational and financial impacts and results since January 2020, the near-term outlook, the preliminary long-term traffic forecasts, and the impact on travel and tourism;
- b) took note of the potential increase in the cost of air travel due to decisions taken by Member States and industry, including health-related measures, which might result in increased charges and airfares, and in this connection, invited CART to take into account this aspect of cost implications on consumers and the consequential impact on the economy in the development of additional guidance for Member States and industry; and
- c) requested the Secretariat to consider conducting further analysis on the relationship between the economic situation, health impact and air traffic demand.

Emergency planning and coordination in case of aviation system disruption

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15081, which provided a synopsis on existing material and documents as well as information on the best practices of Member States in relation to emergency response planning and coordination in case of disruption to civil aviation systems. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee.

7. Following consideration, the Council noted the information presented in the working paper and requested the Secretariat to continue gathering information on the best practices of Member States and

the industry on national emergency and contingency plans in case of massive aviation system disruptions, with a view to this information being presented at the next session of the Council.

Operating plan for the Technical Cooperation Bureau for the period 2021-2023

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15086, which described project/key activities, deliverables and key performance indicators (KPIs) to be implemented, monitored, measured and reviewed in order to achieve the expected results and key outcomes defined for the Technical Cooperation Programme for the period 2021-2023. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Technical Cooperation Committee.

9. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) endorsed the TCB operating plan for 2021-2023 as presented in the Appendix to C-WP/15086;
- b) requested that information on the progress made by the Implementation Policy Development Group (IPDG), be included in the Report on Technical Cooperation Programme Development to be presented to the Council during the 222nd Session;
- c) took note of the intention of the Secretariat to undertake analysis of whether there are specific legal, policy, or technical factors that are impeding the operational and financial performance of the Technical Cooperation Programme, and in this connection, requested that the outcome of this analysis be presented to the Council for consideration at the next session;
- d) expressed concern that Global Aviation Training (GAT) activities remained financially allocated in the Ancillary Revenue Generation Fund (ARGF), and in this connection, emphasized the need for this to be specifically addressed by the Council in the context of deliberations related to the next triennium budget cycle;
- e) welcomed the stated intention of the Secretary General to publish the ICAO Procurement Code as soon as it has been finalized;
- f) requested the Secretary General to present to the Council an annual report on the Organization's procurement activities; and
- g) recalled that the recent recommendation from the External Auditor concerning the transfer of the procurement function from the Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) to the Bureau of Administration and Services (ADB) remained outstanding, while also recalling that during its prior consideration of this issue, the Council had decided not to endorse this proposal (C-DEC 217/14 refers), and in this connection, requested the Secretary General to review this proposal and report to the Council at a forthcoming future session.

Progress report on the implementation of the new strategy and business model for the Technical Cooperation Bureau

10. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15087, which provided a report on the progress made by the Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) in the implementation of the short- and medium-term phases of its new business model and strategy, which was approved by the Council during the

217th Session (C-DEC 217/14 refers). The Council also had for consideration a joint oral report thereon from the Finance Committee and Technical Cooperation Committee.

11. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) requested the Secretariat to give ongoing consideration to the speed of integration of the TCB strategic initiatives given its serious financial situation, in order to successfully overcome its current challenges as well as ensuring its long-term financial sustainability; and
- b) expressed concern at the slow progress that had been made in relation to the adoption of a Business Process Management System (BPMS), and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to explore options that could accelerate the system's full functionality.

Business plan for the Global Aviation Training (GAT) activities for the period 2021-2023

12. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15088, which presented a three-year Business Plan for Global Aviation Training (GAT) activities for the period 2021-2023. The Council also had for consideration a joint oral report thereon from the Finance Committee and the Technical Cooperation Committee.

13. Following consideration, the Council endorsed the Business Plan for Global Aviation Training (GAT) activities for the period 2021-2023.

2021 Technical Cooperation Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) budget estimates and update of the 2020 AOSC income and expenditures

14. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15085, which provided the 2021 Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) Fund budgetary estimates approved by the 40th Session of the Assembly on an indicative basis, as well as an update of the AOSC income and expenditures for 2020. The Council also had for consideration a joint oral report thereon from the Finance Committee and the Technical Cooperation Committee.

15. Following consideration, the Council requested the Secretary General to:

- a) facilitate the full cooperation within ICAO Bureaux and Offices as well as Member States to foster new opportunities for the growth of the Technical Cooperation Programme; and
- b) expressed concern at the ongoing depletion of the financial balance of the AOSC Fund, and in this connection, requested that the Secretariat to implement measures that would reduce expenditures having a negative impact on the Fund's financial balance, explore options for alternative sources of revenue for the Fund that would reverse its financial decline, and present a report to the Council on this item at the next session.

Any other business

Ninth Meeting of the Commission of Experts of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry (CESAIR)

16. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 11 March 2020 to the President of the Council's memorandum PRES SS/3005 dated 4 March 2020, and pursuant to the Rules of Procedure for the

Commission of Experts of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry, the President, on behalf of the Council, had convened the Ninth Meeting of the CESAIR in a virtual setting from 29 to 30 June 2020.

Report of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry to the Contracting States to the Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Protocol for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019

17. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 18 September 2020 in response to memorandum SS/3069 dated 8 September 2020, from the President of the Council, the Report of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry to the Contracting States to the Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Protocol for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019, was approved by the President on behalf of the Council.

Appointment of Member and Alternate on the Air Navigation Commission

18. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 28 September 2020, to the President of the Council's email dated 22 September 2020, Mr. Bernt Tore Larsen nominated by the Government of Denmark, on behalf of the Governments of Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway and Sweden, had been appointed to serve as Member on the ANC to succeed Mr. Tom Andersen who will henceforth serve as his Alternate, with effect from 5 October 2020.

Appointment of Member and Alternate on the Air Transport (ATC), Finance (FIC), Human Resources (HRC), Joint Support (JSC), Technical Co-operation (TCC) and Unlawful Interference (UIC) Committees and the Working Group on Governance and Efficiency (WGGE)

19. It was noted that pursuant to the President of the Council's email dated 21 September 2020, and in accordance with paragraph 3 and 7 of the Special Provisions in the Rules of Procedure for Standing Committees of the Council (Doc 8146), the Representative of France on the Council, Mr. Laurent Pic, had been appointed as Member on the ATC, FIC, UIC and HRC with effect from 18 September 2020.

20. It was also noted that pursuant the President of the Council's email dated 6 October 2020, Ms. Eileen Poh, the Representative of Singapore on the Council, had been appointed as Member on the ATC, FIC, JSC and UIC to replace Mr. Tee Chiou Ng who will serve as her Alternate, and as Member and Alternate respectively on the WGGE, with effect from 12 October 2020, and, Ms. Erlina Ang had been appointed as Alternate member on the ATC, FIC and the WGGE, with effect from 19 October 2020.

21. It was further noted that pursuant to the President of the Council's email dated 29 September 2020, Ms. Zarina Begum, nominated by the Representative of Malaysia on the Council, had been appointed as Alternate Member on the ATC, JSC and TCC with effect from 25 September 2020.

Requests from Observers to participate in closed meetings of the session

22. It was noted that pursuant to e-mail notifications circulated by the President of the Council in July, August and September 2020, and in accordance with Rule 32 a) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, the Council had agreed to invite Mr. Klaus Winkler (European Union), Mr. Nico Voorbach (CANSO), Mr. Michael Rossell (ACI), Mr. Michael Comber (IATA), and Mr. Andreas Meyer (IBAC), to participate as Observers during the 221st Session of the Council's consideration of items in closed session.

Council working papers presented for information

23. It was noted that as the President of the Council had not received any requests to have the following information papers tabled for consideration, it was considered that the Council had noted the information provided therein:

- C-WP/15062 — *Report on CAEP membership for 2019*
- C-WP/15122 — *Report on resource mobilization and Voluntary Funds activities for 2019*
- C-WP/15123 — *Resolutions of the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)*
- C-WP/15125 — *Report of the JIU for 2019 and programme of work for 2020*
- C-WP/15126 — *Report of the JIU entitled "Review of the integration of disaster risk reduction in the work of the United Nations system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (JIU/REP/2019/3)*
- C-WP/15127 — *Report of the JIU entitled "Review of change management in United Nations system organizations" (JIU/REP/2019/4)*
- C-WP/15128 — *Report of the JIU entitled "Managing cloud computing services in the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/2019/5)*
- C-WP/15129 — *Report of the JIU entitled "Review of audit and oversight committees in the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/2019/6)*

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