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## **COUNCIL — 221ST SESSION**

### **SECOND MEETING**

**(VIRTUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2020, AT 1000 HOURS)**

### **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

#### **OPEN MEETING**

##### **Schedule of meetings**

1. The President of the Council informed Representatives that it would be necessary to schedule an additional meeting of the Advisory Group on CORSIA (AGC), to be convened on Thursday, 12 November 2020, in order to consider items listed for consideration in the current session. Hence, an additional meeting of the Council would be required to be scheduled during the week of 16 November 2020, in order to consider the report of the AGC on those items.

##### **Annual Report of the Evaluation and Audit Advisory Committee**

2. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15113, which presented the annual report of the work of the Evaluation and Audit Advisory Committee (EAAC). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee.

3. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed appreciation to the former Chairperson (Mr. Kurt Grüter) as well as the members of the EAAC for all their outstanding efforts on behalf of the Organization;
- b) requested the Secretariat to strengthen its communication with the EAAC, and to be proactive in providing its members with information on new and emerging issues;
- c) took note of the concerns outlined in the EAAC report, especially in relation to information security management in the Organization and the deficiencies and ongoing weaknesses that had been identified in that regard, while at the same time noting that the EAAC had subsequent to the issuance of their report, acknowledged that the updated information provided by the Secretariat better reflected the current status;
- d) endorsed the recommendations contained in the EAAC report and welcomed the commitment delivered by EAAC to continue to monitor progress being made by the Secretariat in addressing the critical issues that had been identified;
- e) agreed to delegate the authority to the President of the Council to determine on a case by case basis, to invite members of EAAC to participate in meetings of the Council, as considered necessary; and
- f) recalled the decision taken during the 219th Session (C-DEC 219/1 refers), in which the Council had recommended that for the next triennium budget of the Organization

for the period 2023-2024-2025, consideration should be given to revising the selection process by identifying a suitable source of financing to pay for the travel and daily subsistence costs of the EAAC members, while at the same time, taking into account the relevant provisions of the Chicago Convention.

### **Work Programme of the Evaluation and Internal Audit Office for 2021**

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15114, which presented the work programme for the Evaluation and Internal Audit Office (EAO) for 2021.

5. Following consideration, the Council acting in accordance with paragraph 12 vi) of the Charter of the EAO, approved the proposed work programme for 2021.

### **Progress report on the implementation of the revised ICAO Framework on Ethics**

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15078, which presented a progress report on the implementation of the decisions taken by the Council during the 220th Session, pertaining to the adoption of the revised Framework on Ethics (C-DEC 220/1 and C-DEC 220/7 refer). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Human Resources Committee.

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) welcomed the progress made by the Secretariat in the implementation of the revised Framework on Ethics;
- b) took note of the current status regarding the proposed MoUs between ICAO and the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) and the United Nations Ethics Office (UNEO), it being understood that the proposed MoUs would be finalized in consultation with the Small Group on the Ethics Framework Review;
- c) further took note that in relation to the current work being undertaken by the Secretariat in order to align the Staff Rules and Personnel Instructions with the provisions of the revised Framework on Ethics, there existed a number of challenges faced by the Secretariat in this undertaking, including in terms of resource constraints, which would likely affect the timeline for the completion of this task; and
- d) further took note of the current work being undertaken by the Secretariat in order to update and harmonize the ICAO policy on sexual harassment with the prevailing UN policy (ST/SGB/2019/8), as well as with the Model UN System Policy on Sexual Harassment, and that the intention was for this to be completed as soon as practicable.

8. In relation to the proposed Appendices G and H concerning rules and procedures to address allegations of misconduct or retaliation against the Secretary General and President of the Council respectively, which had been circulated by the Small Group on the Ethics Framework Review Working Group (Small Group), the Council agreed to request the Small Group to review the text of their proposals, taking into account the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (*Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function* (JIU/REP/2020/1), as well as concerns that had been expressed by some Representatives. It was understood that this review was to be undertaken also with the purpose of the Small Group seeking to achieve a wider consensus on their proposals and to report to the Council on this item again during the third week of the current session.