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COUNCIL — 221ST SESSION

NINTH MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2020, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Report of the External Auditor – Financial Statements and Reports of the External Auditor for the financial year 2019

1. The Council on the basis of C-WP/15039 and Addenda Nos. 1 & 2, which presented the audited Financial Statements of the Organization for the year ended 31 December 2019, reflecting the financial situation of ICAO as well as the financial performance of projects and activities managed by ICAO on behalf of third parties. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee as well as a PowerPoint presentation by the External Auditor.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) expressed its appreciation to the outgoing External Auditor, the Corte Dei Conti for all their excellent work carried out in this capacity and for the successful completion of their mandate;
 - b) agreed to submit the financial reports listed in the Executive Summary of C-WP/15039 to the next ordinary session of the Assembly, it being understood that this would likely be the 41st Session of the Assembly, which was scheduled to occur in 2022;
 - c) took note of the Plan of Action presented in the Annex to C-WP/15039;
 - d) took note that the Finance Committee had discussed the recommendations of the External Auditor pertaining to the funding of after-service health insurance (ASHI), and in this connection, there would be a need for a comprehensive actuarial valuation for potential measures to address the funding issue; and
 - e) acknowledged that although the Finance Committee had indicated that the performance audit reports on both procurement services as well as human resources management could be circulated to other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Council for further consideration, recalled at the same time its previous deliberations and decisions taken concerning any proposed restructuring of the Secretariat (C-DEC 221/1).

High-level body with the industry

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Implementation Strategy and Planning Group (ISPG), which concerned the proposed consultative forum with industry.

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its appreciation to the Chairperson and Members of the ISPG, along with all other participants who had taken part in the deliberations and contributed insights that had helped shape and finalise the proposal presented to the Council;
- b) approved the establishment of an ICAO-Industry Consultative Forum, as outlined in Appendix C to the oral report of the ISPG, while at the same time underscoring the need for the implementation of this initiative to be proceeded with on a step-by-step approach, taking into account the evaluation and lessons learned of each event;
- c) took note that given the existing resource constraints faced by the Secretariat, consideration will need to be given to the funding models applied by other international multilateral organizations for similar consultative forums, as referred to in Appendix B of the oral report;
- d) took note of the intention of the President of the Council to create a small ad hoc working group, comprising of Council Representatives as well as ANC Members, and supported by the Secretariat, to undertake a preliminary assessment of the requirements for the convening of the inaugural Forum to take place in 2021, including on the due diligence process for the participation of industry representatives; and
- e) agreed that the working paper containing the ICAO Policy on Innovation should be published as early as possible in advance of the Committee phase of the 222nd Session, on the understanding that the working paper would then need to be revised to take account of comments received and thereafter considered by the Council.

Enhancing ICAO communications with industry and with the public

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of the non-paper circulated by the President of the Council and a joint oral report presented by the Implementation Strategy and Planning Group (ISPG) and the Working Group on Governance and Efficiency (WGGE).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note that information on the Council has now been uploaded to the public website, under the “Events” section of the website;
- b) took note that as from the current session, information related to the Council work programme and Orders of Business of the session are being uploaded to the public website;
- c) approved the publication on the public website of decisions taken by the Council (C-DECs), noting that supplementary information may be provided, if required, for

clarification of certain decisions, while also taking note of the resource implications of this action and that lessons learned from such publication should be identified on a regular basis;

- d) agreed that the photos and biographies of Council Representatives, which currently appeared only on the Council website, should also be uploaded and made available from the public website, on the proviso that permission to do so would first be sought from each Representative; and
- e) agreed that on a case-by-case basis, livestreaming of some informal and/or important meetings of the Council could occur, upon assessment of the wide interest to the general public of doing so.

Report on the evaluation of regional projects in Africa

7. The Council considered this on the basis of C-WP/15117, which presented the report of the evaluation conducted by the Evaluation and Internal Audit Office (EAO) of regional projects in Africa. The Council also had for consideration an oral report from the Technical Cooperation Committee.

8. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its appreciation to the Evaluation and Internal Audit Office (EAO) for the evaluation undertaken and for the high quality of the report produced including the information provided therein;
- b) took note that the implementation of a results-based management (RBM) approach by the Secretariat and the development of a Project Management Manual, will help to address some of the specific issues identified in the evaluation report;
- c) emphasized the importance of all parts of the Secretariat, including Regional Offices, continuing efforts to improve coordination and cooperation as well as to address project design issues in order to deliver better project results; and
- d) endorsed the Action Plan outlined in the Appendix to C-WP/15117.

Appointment of the President of the Air Navigation Commission

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15099, which presented the candidature of Mr. Nabil Naoumi for the post of the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) taking into account that there was only one candidate for the post, decided unanimously to waive the requirement set forth in paragraph 1 of Appendix D to the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, for a secret ballot to be held for the appointment of President of the ANC; and
- b) acting in accordance with Article 56 of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* and Rule 16 c) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, decided by means of

acclamation to re-appoint Mr. Nabil Naoumi as President of the ANC for a second one-year term commencing on 1 January 2021.

Request of the International Partners for Aviation Development, Innovation and Sustainability (iPADIS) for inclusion in the *List of international organizations that may be invited to attend suitable ICAO meetings*

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15102, which presented a request from the International Partners for Aviation Development, Innovation and Sustainability (iPADIS) for inclusion in the *List of international organizations that may be invited to attend suitable ICAO meetings* as an observer.

12. Following preliminary discussion, the Council agreed to defer further consideration of this item until a subsequent meeting of the current session.

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