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COUNCIL — 221ST SESSION

THIRD MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2020, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

***No Country Left Behind* (NCLB) initiative, implementation assistance policy and report on the ICAO Technical Assistance Programme for 2019**

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15038, which reported on the Technical Assistance Programme in the fields of aviation safety, air navigation capacity and efficiency, security and facilitation, economic development of air transport and environment for the year 2019, and summarized technical assistance provided in safety and security with a view to helping Member States with capacity-building in line with the *No Country Left Behind* (NCLB) initiative. The Council also had for consideration, an oral report thereon from the Implementation, Strategy and Planning Group.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) endorsed the actions taken for implementation as outlined in C-WP/15038;
 - b) took note of the wide range of technical assistance programme activities carried out in the context of the *No Country Left Behind* (NCLB) initiative, and reiterated its appreciation to the Secretariat for its invaluable efforts in this regard and in facilitating the implementation efforts of Member States;
 - c) requested the Secretariat to provide a more regular update on the levels of funding, including details on the funding of capacity-building and technical assistance project activities, as appropriate;
 - d) emphasized the importance of geographical balance in capacity-building activities and that in this connection, consideration be given to undertaking a needs analysis;
 - e) requested the Secretariat to explore the feasibility of sharing the progress made in all categories of assistance activities;
 - f) further requested specificity on the criteria for the selection of Member States benefiting from technical assistance activities;

- g) noted that the Secretariat is currently considering options to improve the alignment between technical assistance and technical cooperation activities, and that the outcome of this process will be presented at a future session of the Council;
- h) underscored the need to continue to provide targeted and measurable assistance to Member States;
- i) noted that the Secretariat would provide to the Council an update on resource mobilization efforts for 2020 and 2021; and
- j) further noted that the implementation report of technical assistance would benefit from the inclusion of financial reports on the utilization of voluntary funds.

Financial situation of the Organization and level of the Working Capital Fund

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15083, which presented the financial situation of the Organization for the period of 1 January to 31 July 2020, along with other developments since the previous report to the Council during the 220th Session. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee, as well as a PowerPoint presentation, which was delivered by the Secretary General.

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) urged all Member States who have not yet paid their assessment dues for 2020 and prior years, to immediately abide by their legal obligations in line with Articles 61 and 62 of the Chicago Convention;
- b) noted the impact that the delayed receipt of contributions and the COVID-19 pandemic have had on ICAO's use of 2020 appropriations for implementation of its 2020 work programme, the potential increased level of budget to be carried over to 2021, and the potential liquidity crisis at the beginning of 2021, if assessments for 2020 and 2021 continue to be delayed;
- c) urged all Member States to pay their 2021 assessments by 1 January 2021, in accordance with Article 6.5 a) of the Financial Regulations;
- d) took note that the Secretary General intended to present to the Council during the next session, a report outlining the impact of the cost containment measures being implemented by the Secretariat on the programme activities of the Organization; and
- e) welcomed the proposal of the Finance Committee to continue to monitor the financial situation of the Organization throughout the forthcoming recess following the conclusion of the 221st Session, and to keep the Council apprised of developments in this regard as necessary.

Budget and operating plan for the Ancillary Revenue Generation Fund for 2021

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15077, which presented the Ancillary Revenue Generation Fund (ARGF) budgetary estimates for the year 2021 and the associated operating plan. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee.

6. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) endorsed the ARGF budget and operating plan for the year 2021;
 - b) noted the uncertainty in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the potential impacts on the ARGF in 2021;
 - c) noted the phased approach to provide free public web access to ICAO regulatory publications; and
 - d) requested the Secretariat to prepare a three-year operational plan for the ARGF, with a view to this being presented at a future session of the Council, while taking into account the acknowledged limitations associated with preparing such a three-year plan in advance of a confirmed triennial budget 2023-2024-2025.

Progress report on the implementation of the FIC guidance package

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report from the Secretary General and from the Finance Committee. Following consideration, the Council took note of the information presented in the two oral reports.

Organization and agenda for the Thirty-second meeting of the Aviation Security Panel

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15101, which presented a proposal for the convening of the Thirty-second Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/32). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Unlawful Interference.

9. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) approved the convening of AVSECP/32 on a tentative basis from 31 May to 4 June 2021, based on the proposed agenda and timetable presented in Appendices A and B of the working paper; and
 - b) approved the list of organizations to be invited as observers as presented in Appendix C to the working paper.

Report of the Ninth Meeting of the AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee

10. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report as well as a PowerPoint presentation delivered by the Chairperson of the AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee.

11. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) welcomed the progress made in relation to the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan);

- b) took note of the challenges faced by Member States in the region given the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the aviation industry and the resultant adverse impact on the financial resources of the AFI SECFAL Plan;
- c) further took note of the key priorities adopted by the Steering Committee at its Ninth Meeting; and
- d) emphasized the importance of resource mobilization efforts in support of the AFI SECFAL Plan and in this connection, encouraged Member States to continue to provide voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to support implementation efforts in the region.

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