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COUNCIL — 221ST SESSION

FIFTH MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2020, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Secretary General's sessional progress report

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15076, which presented the Secretary General's progress report to the 221st Session. It was noted that during the reporting period, the Organization had shifted nearly all of its attention to COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) welcomed the comprehensive information presented on a wide range of initiatives that had been undertaken by the Secretary General and the Secretariat during the reporting period and expressed its deep appreciation to the Secretariat for the initiatives undertaken;
 - b) expressed its deep appreciation to the Secretary General, the senior management team, and the staff of the Secretariat, including the language interpretation teams, for the range of constructive initiatives that had been implemented during the reporting period and for flexibility demonstrated in the midst of the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, despite which did not prevent the Secretariat from continuing to deliver positive outcomes in a wide range of areas;
 - c) took note of the specific clarifications provided by the Secretary General in relation to:
 - i. the Ethics Framework and the ongoing commitment to strengthen the ethical culture of the Organization; and
 - ii. the financial situation of the Organization and the implications arising vis-à-vis the Business Plan as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - d) further took note of the clarifications provided by the Secretary General in relation to the recruitment processes currently underway for a number of senior management positions in the Secretariat and recognized the value of senior managers' leadership in particular under COVID 19 circumstances, while at the same time also noting the concerns expressed by a few Representatives at the budgetary implications arising from the aforementioned recruitment processes; and
 - e) emphasized the need for the Council to be provided with the information and outcomes relating to the pending cases of misconduct that had been referred to the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) for investigation, and requested the Secretariat to do so at the 222nd Session, while taking into account that this would need to be done respecting the principles of due process.

Update on information security at ICAO as at 31 October 2020

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Secretary General, as well as a PowerPoint presentation by the Secretariat.

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for the comprehensive information presented on the wide range of activities being carried out and welcomed the progress that continued to be made in the implementation of actions contained in the Information Security Roadmap 2020-2022;
- b) took note that in relation to the majority of work to be performed in accordance with the Information Security Roadmap, the intention was for this work to be outsourced, and requested that it be kept apprised of ongoing developments in this regard; and
- c) further took note that in future oral reports to the Council on this item, the Secretariat intended to report progress on activities related to the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Change Programme.

Adoption of Amendments 46 and 39 to Annex 6, Parts I and II

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15082, which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendments 46 and 39 to Annex 6 – *Operation of Aircraft*, Part I – *International Commercial Air Transport – Aeroplanes* and Part II – *International General Aviation – Aeroplanes*, respectively.

6. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that a proposed applicability date of 25 March 2021 would be suitable for Amendments 46 and 39 to Annex 6, Parts I and II respectively.

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted the information contained in the working paper;
- b) recognized the unprecedented aspect of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its impact on Member States and the aviation industry;
- c) agreed that certain implications of the COVID-19 pandemic warrant the application of Assembly Resolution A39-22, operative clause 7, which allows foregoing the Member State consultation process when the Council deems that urgent action is necessary;
- d) by 36 votes in favour, none against, and no abstentions, adopted, as Amendments 46 and 39 to Annex 6, Parts I and II, respectively, the amendment to Standards as contained in Appendices A and B to the working paper;
- e) approved the Resolution of Adoption in Appendix C to the working paper; and
- f) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Forewords of Annex 6, Parts I and II as contained in Appendix D to the paper.