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COUNCIL — 221ST SESSION

SEVENTH MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2020, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Deferral of item

1. The Council agreed that in relation to item 26 on the Order of Business (“ICAO Policy on Innovation”), this item should be deferred to the 222nd Session.

Report on the Council Aviation Recovery Task Force

2. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Chairperson of the CART. In doing so, the Council agreed to waive the requirement in Rule 26 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, given that the updated edition of the document *Take-off Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis*, had not been made available in all languages 48 before this meeting.

3. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) adopted and endorsed the High-level Cover Document (HLCD), including the three additional recommendations, and the second edition of the associated documentation, *Take-off Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis* (TOGD);
- b) requested the Secretary General to publish and disseminate both documents referred to in sub-paragraph a) above, along with the *Testing and Cross-border Risk Management Measures Manual*, to as wide an audience as possible;
- c) took note of the range of issues currently under consideration by the CART, as outlined in section 4 of the oral report, including identified challenges faced by both Member States and the aviation industry, and requested the Secretariat to review these issues in terms of their implications vis-à-vis the implementation of the CART report recommendations and guidance, and for CART to continue to keep the Council apprised of developments in this regard; and
- d) agreed that CART should be retained until at least the 222nd Session with an ongoing mandate to provide strategic direction on the coordination of actions to address and update, as required, the CART report recommendations and guidance documentation.

Ensuring the readiness of international aviation when a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15131, which presented a proposal by the United Arab Emirates concerning a consultation process with Member States and international organizations on the issue of vaccination recognition. In doing so, the Council agreed to waive the requirement in rule 26 b) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, given that the working paper had been circulated less than five working days before the meeting.

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its appreciation to the United Arab Emirates for the initiative taken in highlighting a range of important factors that will underlie the strength of the recovery phase in global international aviation; and
- b) requested that within the context of applicable provisions of Annex 9, the Secretariat continue to engage with the World Health Organization (WHO), in order to ensure alignment with WHO guidance as well as to gauge what elements would be necessary in instituting a harmonized global approach in vaccination certification recognition and best practices currently deployed in the conduct of testing regimes, including polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing, with a view to this being taken into account, if appropriate, in the development of future recommendations and guidance to be reflected in the *Take-off Guidance for Air Travel through the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis* as well in the *Testing and Cross-border Risk Management Manual*.

COVID-19 related activities of the Secretariat

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15079, which reported on activities that the Secretariat had undertaken since the 220th Session, and also provided updated information in relation to the implementation of the CART report recommendations.

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) welcomed the comprehensive range of activities undertaken by the Secretariat to support the implementation of the CART recommendations and guidance, as outlined in the Global Implementation Roadmap, including in particular, the development and subsequent deployment of numerous Implementation Packages (iPacks) on a range of subjects;
- b) took note that the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Implementation Centre (CRRIC), which was launched on 3 July 2020, incorporated the latest information on COVID-19-related activities carried out by ICAO and that updated information provided by Member States was now also reflected in the CRRIC;
- c) further took note that in relation to the Collaborative Arrangement for the Prevention and Management of Public Health Events in Civil Aviation (CAPSCA), additional guidance material relating to passenger and repatriation flights using the Public Health Corridor (PHC) concept had been published along with a survey to ascertain State practices relating to testing and quarantine;

- d) encouraged Member States to support priority work of the Secretariat via voluntary donations and in-kind contributions, in particular for the development and deployment of iPacks and for activities performed under CAPSCA; and
- e) emphasized the need for ICAO to continue to maintain close coordination and cooperation with other entities of the United Nations system and other international organizations by way of ensuring ICAO is apprised of ongoing developments emerging advice and best practices, which will be fundamental to the recovery of the aviation sector and in the restoration of public confidence in international air travel.

Evolution of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA)

8. The Council resumed consideration of this item (C-DEC 221/4) on the basis of C-WP/15097, which presented a report on the work undertaken by the Ad Hoc USOAP CMA Advisory Group (USOAP-AG), including strategic recommendations and advice. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Navigation Commission.

9. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its sincere appreciation to the Ad Hoc USOAP CMA Advisory Group (USOAP-AG), for all the work undertaken to date and the recommendations presented, which sought to deliver efficiencies in the USOAP CMA;
- b) agreed to request the Secretary General to transmit the proposed recommendations to Member States via a State letter, in order to seek views and gauge reactions to the recommendations and the envisaged expanded scope of the programme; and
- c) further requested the Secretary General to present to the 225th Session of the Council, a report on the outcome of the consultation process referred to in b) above, including a thorough analysis of responses received from Member States, together with the report of the Air Navigation Commission thereon, on the understanding that a progress report on the evolution of the USOAP CMA, including relevant policy updates and associated resource proposals will thereafter be presented to the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly for endorsement.

Report of the Twenty-third meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee

10. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report, which was presented by the Chairperson of the AFI Plan Steering Committee.

11. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) congratulated Mr. Levers Mabaso, Representative of South Africa, on his election as the incoming Chairperson of the AFI Plan Steering Committee, and assured him of the Council's ongoing support in the AFI Plan;

- b) expressed its appreciation for the report presented as well as the achievements by the AFI Plan as outlined;
- c) endorsed the decisions and recommendations arising from the 23rd meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee, which had been convened in a virtual setting on 29 July 2020; and
- d) further took note that since the current AFI Plan work programme will expire at the end of 2020, there would be a need to update the current programme document incorporating additional deliverables and targets to be pursued through future AFI Plan initiatives, and in this connection, affirmed the need for the AFI Plan to continue.

Any other business

Report of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry to the Contracting States to the Cape Town Convention and Aircraft Protocol

12. It was noted that in absence of comments by 18 September 2020 to the President of the Council's Memorandum PRES SS/3069 dated 8 September 2020, the Fifth 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 considered to have been approved by the President on behalf of the Council.

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