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COUNCIL — 222ND SESSION

SIXTH MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 3 MARCH 2021, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Annual report to Council on Regional Offices' activities during 2020 and operating plan

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15136, which presented an overview of the work undertaken by the ICAO Regional Offices in 2020, as well as their planned activities for 2021. Notwithstanding the absence of an oral report thereon from the Implementation Strategy and Planning Group (ISPG), the Council decided to proceed with the consideration of the item.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) took note of the comprehensive information provided in the annual report and expressed appreciation to the Secretariat and the Regional Directors for all the critically important role they had undertaken in the course of 2020 and for the invaluable support provided to Member States in each region;
 - b) commended the Regional Offices in particular for their active engagement in various activities to provide assistance to Member States throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, including in the planning for the post COVID-19 pandemic recovery phase and the restart of aviation operations, as well as in relation to the implementation of the CART report recommendations;
 - c) welcomed the achievements made by the Regional Offices as reported in the working paper, while also noting the lessons learned, the challenges faced and the risks posed in each region, as well as the different priorities that had been identified for each region;
 - d) reiterated the importance of the actions contained in the Operating Plan for the APAC region related to the Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS), acknowledged current efforts in this regard and requested the Secretariat and the APAC Regional Office to work to increase the quality and quantity of engagement with the PSIDS and for measurable targets to be identified specifically for this activity, which could be reported on in the 2022 Annual report to Council, and in this connection also encouraged Member States to consider providing additional voluntary contributions in

order to support this specific activity;

- e) took note of the Operating Plans progress report on activities and targets achieved by the Regional Offices in 2020 as contained in the Corporate Management and Reporting Tool (CMRT), and in this connection, noted that the Secretariat provides familiarization sessions on the CMRT for newly appointed Representatives on the Council;
- f) further noted the proposed Operating Plans and main priorities of the Regional Offices for 2021, as contained in the CMRT;
- g) took note of the intention of the Secretary General to use a portion of the carryover funds for the purposes of supporting certain initiatives in the regions, including to enhance the IT infrastructure in the Regional Offices; and
- h) expressed its deep appreciation to all those States that are hosting an ICAO Regional Office and in recognition of all the financial, logistical and operational support that they provide to support the Regional Offices and the staff.

3. Comments and concerns expressed by the Representative of Egypt as well as other Representatives in relation to the inaccurate and misleading information contained in the presentation by the Acting Regional Director of the Cairo Office, were noted. It was understood that all the interventions on this matter would be reflected in the summary minutes to this meeting (C-MIN 222/6 refers), which would be circulated in due course.

Review of the Air Navigation Work Programme

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), which provided an update on the amendments made to the Air Navigation (AN) work programme since last reported to the Council during the 219th Session (C-DEC 219/4 refers).

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed appreciation for the detailed update presented by the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), particularly with respect to the additional analysis provided on the changes to the AN Work Programme in relation to the global plans (Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP) and Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP)), as well as the implementation challenges identified through the Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASG) reports;
- b) noted that this year's annual review of the AN work programme had not taken into consideration the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and that further revisions to timelines and delivery dates might therefore be required;
- c) reaffirmed the need for continued improvement in ensuring the timely availability of guidance material, in support of the implementation of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)/Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS);

- d) took note of the concerns expressed by the ANC that limiting the annual review to an analysis of the ANC job cards that changed during the year, did not offer an overall view of the progress made to advance the technical work in the areas of safety and air navigation; and
- e) further noted the work undertaken by the ANC Ad Hoc Working Group Implementation and Prioritization (AHWG-IP) to prioritize tasks contained in the AN work programme, and that the outcomes of this prioritization exercise would serve as input in the preparation of the next triennial Business Plan and draft budget.

Progress report on the implementation of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA)

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15151, which provided a progress report on the evolution and performance of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme – Continuous Monitoring Approach (USOAP-CMA) in 2020. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) acknowledged the significant challenges experienced by Member States in discharging their safety oversight responsibilities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in that regard, expressed appreciation to the Secretary General and the Secretariat, including the role played by the Regional Offices in continuing to support Member States in carrying out these critical safety oversight activities, through the implementation of contingency measures and adapted working methods;
- b) noted the impact of the postponed or cancelled activities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic on the USOAP Activity Plan;
- c) further noted the progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Group of Experts for a USOAP CMA Structured Review (GEUSR), including with respect to the migration of the Protocol Questions (PQs) to the USOAP Online Framework (OLF);
- d) also noted that the consultation process with Member States on the work of the Ad Hoc USOAP CMA Advisory Group (USOAP-AG) had been initiated with the issuance of State letter AN 19/51-21/1, while at the same time taking note of concerns expressed by several Representatives in relation to certain aspects of the consultation process vis-à-vis the previous decision taken by the Council on this item (C 221/7, refers); and
- e) acknowledged that although the COVID-19 contingency-related differences (CCRD) system was not part of the USOAP CMA, the CCRD data could be used by the Programme for future monitoring activities, should the data collected be deemed relevant.