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COUNCIL — 222ND SESSION

EIGHTH MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, 8 MARCH 2021, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Condolences

1. The Council expressed its sincere condolences to the Representative of Mexico on the recent passing away of his mother-in-law, and also to the Government of Cameroon on the recent passing away of Mr. Thomas Tekou, the former Representative of Cameroon to ICAO, who served in that role from September 1996 to May 2007.

International Women's Day

2. It was recalled that pursuant to the Seventh Meeting of the current session and the adoption by the Council of the “Declaration on improving gender representation in ICAO’s governing and technical bodies”, a press release had been issued highlighting the adoption of the Declaration and underscoring the commitment of the Council to continue to strive towards the goal of gender equality.

Report on Technical Cooperation Programme Development

3. The Council resumed (C222/4) consideration of this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Secretary General, which reported on the financial and operational performance results of the Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP) for the year ending 31 December 2020, as well as provided an update on the measures being implemented to reverse the declining trend in the TCP and improve the AOSC’s financial situation. The Council also had for consideration a joint oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC) and the Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its support for the proposed review of the current cost-sharing arrangement between the Technical Cooperation Programme and the Regular Programme, and in this connection, requested that the outcome of the plan to reduce costs of the AOSC Fund and analysis regarding outsourcing should ensure that there are no adverse implications in the implementation of TCB projects, and for this to be presented at a future session of the Council;
- b) requested that a comprehensive plan to gradually reduce the costs of the AOSC Fund be presented at a future session of the Council; and

- c) took note of and expressed support for the initiatives already taken to increase revenue and reduce costs in the Technical Cooperation Programme, and in this connection, agreed that in the ongoing analysis of such measures, all options, including an increase in project activity, diversifying revenue streams, and natural attrition, should first be considered so that a forced reduction in staff numbers should be considered only as a last resort and after all other measures had been exhausted.

Progress report on the implementation of the new strategy and business model for the Technical Cooperation Bureau

5. The Council resumed consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15170, which provided an updated situational analysis of the Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) that would serve to address the Bureau's present challenges and ensure its long-term financial sustainability. The Council also had for consideration a joint oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC) and Technical Cooperation Committee (TCC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the progress that had been made with regard to the alignment of Technical Assistance and Technical Cooperation projects and activities;
- b) also took note that an assessment of the benefits and disadvantages of transferring select field personnel-related activities from TCB to the Regular Programme was underway, and that the results would be presented to the Council during the 224th Session; and
- c) further noted that an analysis of the integration of the ICAO Revenue Product Management (RPM) Section from ADB to TCB was being undertaken by the Secretariat, and agreed that no firm decision would be taken thereon until such time as a broader review of the organizational structure had been undertaken in a holistic and comprehensive manner (C-DEC 217/17 refers).

7. In relation to the separate issue concerning the transfer of the Procurement function from TCB to the Bureau of Administration and Services (ADB), the Council while recalling recent recommendations from the External Auditor on this issue and taking into account best practices within the United Nations system, agreed with the transfer subject to the following conditions being met:

- a) that the Secretariat establishes an internal arrangement to outline the future working relationship between TCB and ADB in relation to procurement requirements, and in such a way as to enable sufficient efficiency and flexibility of TCB projects as well as to ensure that there would be no diminution in the quality of services provided by TCB to Member States;
- b) that the transfer would have neutral cost implications for the current 2020-2022 triennium regular programme budget, while at the same time acknowledging that the full cost implications of the transfer could only be comprehensively analysed as part of the broader considerations related to the preparation of the 2023-2025 triennium budget; and

- c) that there would be no detrimental impacts or implications for the human resources affected by the transfer of the Procurement function.

8. It was further agreed that a report on the implementation of this decision would be submitted to the Council during the 223rd Session.

Annual Report of the Chief of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO)

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15143, which presented a summary of the activities and results of the work undertaken by the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO) in 2020, as well as its performance relative to the annual work programme. The Council also had for consideration a joint oral report thereon from the Implementation Support and Planning Group (ISPG) and the Working Group on Governance and Efficiency (WGGE).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed appreciation for the significant work undertaken by OIO in 2020, as reported in C-WP/15143;
- b) invited the Chief, OIO, to continue to monitor and report on any delays in formulating the management plans as well as delays in implementing the accepted recommendations; and
- c) requested the Secretariat to take the necessary actions in order to implement all accepted oversight recommendations in a timely manner.

ANC Work Programme for the 217th Session

11. The Council resumed (C222/5) consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15150, which presented the proposed work programme for the 217th Session of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC). The Council also had for consideration a joint presentation from the ANC and the Secretariat concerning the item “Preliminary review of direct submission proposed amendment to PANS-ATM from EUROCONTROL on time-based separation (TBS) minima for wake turbulence – final approach course”.

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in relation to the item “Preliminary review of direct submission proposed amendment to PANS-ATM from EUROCONTROL (DS.001) on time-based separation (TBS) minima for wake turbulence – final approach course”, and in this connection, recalled that this work item represented a specific response to recommendations arising from AN-Conf/13 as well as the 40th Session of the Assembly, and on this basis, agreed that this work should be progressed by the ANC;
- b) approved the work programme of the Air Navigation Commission for the 217th Session; and
- c) took note of the planned items for the 218th and 219th Sessions, as outlined in Appendices B and C, respectively, of the working paper.

Any other business

Financial contribution from Saudi Arabia

13. The Council took note of and welcomed the statement delivered by the Representative of Saudi Arabia in which it was announced that the Government of Saudi Arabia would be making a voluntary financial contribution of USD \$50,000 to support efforts associated with the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan).

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