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COUNCIL — 223RD SESSION

SIXTH MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, 14 JUNE 2021, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Financial Statements and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 2020

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15189 and Addenda Nos. 1 & 2, which presented the audited Financial Statements of the Organization for the year ended 31 December 2020, reflecting the financial situation of ICAO as well as the financial performance of projects and activities managed by ICAO on behalf of third parties. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC), as well as a PowerPoint presentation by the External Auditor.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) expressed appreciation to the representatives of the Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) for their comprehensive report and for the additional clarifications provided;
 - b) noted with satisfaction the External Auditor's unqualified opinion on the Organization's Financial Statements for the financial year 2020;
 - c) approved the submission of the financial audit reports listed in the Executive Summary of C-WP/15189 to the next ordinary session of the Assembly for approval, it being understood that this would be the 41st Session of the Assembly, which is scheduled to occur in September/October 2022;
 - d) agreed to refer the financial audit report to the Evaluation Audit Advisory Committee (EAAC) for its review of those recommendations that are partially accepted or rejected and invited the EAAC to provide its opinion in this regard;
 - e) further agreed that following the review by EAAC, the financial audit reports should then be referred to the newly-established Committee on Governance (COG), and if considered necessary, to other subsidiary bodies of the Council as well, for their review and follow-up of recommendations unrelated to finance matters;
 - f) further agreed that the performance audit report and recommendations related to information security issues should also be referred to the COG for its review and consideration; and

- g) requested the Secretariat to establish a system to monitor and report regularly to the Finance Committee on the implementation status of the recommendations issued by the previous as well as current External Auditors; and in this connection, further requested that an annual information paper on this specific item be presented to the Council at a future session.

Consolidated report on Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs) for 2020

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15197, which presented a consolidated annual report on Planning and Implementation Regional Groups (PIRGs) and Regional Aviation Safety Groups (RASGs), covering the period from April 2020 to March 2021.

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the progress made and outcomes achieved by the PIRGs and RASGs, as outlined in Appendix A to the working paper;
- b) further took note of the progress made in the regional implementation of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP);
- c) approved the actions to be taken as outlined in Appendix B to the working paper; and
- d) recalled its previous decision requiring that this annual item would be reviewed by the ISPG (C-DEC 217/6 refers), and in this connection, agreed that this requirement would be suspended for the time being and reconsidered once the ANC had concluded a review of certain aspects related to the way in which the information in the consolidated report is presented.

ANC Work Programme for the 218th Session

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15200, which presented the proposed work programme for the 218th Session of the Air Navigation Commission.

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the proposed work programme of the Air Navigation Commission for its 218th Session, as outlined in Appendix A of C-WP/15200; and
- b) noted the planned items for the 219th and 220th Sessions, as outlined in Appendices B and C, respectively, of C-WP/15200.

Approval of draft ICAO Position for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (WRC-23)

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15199, which presented the proposal of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) for the ICAO Position on items of interest to aviation which are included on the agenda of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference (2023) (WRC-23).

8. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the ICAO Position for the ITU WRC-23 as contained in the Appendix to the working paper, on the understanding that prior to its finalization, the President of the Council, in consultation with the President, ANC, Representative of France, and Director, ANB, would consider whether any additional enhancement or elaboration to the text of the Position might be warranted;
- b) requested the Secretary General to submit to the ITU WRC-23, in an appropriate format, the contents of the Appendix to the working paper, together with any additional supporting material from ICAO studies;
- c) further requested the Secretary General to transmit the approved ICAO Position to States, international organizations and relevant regional telecommunications organizations, indicating the need for their support in advance of, and during, the ITU WRC-23;
- d) further requested the Secretary General prepare an executive summary style document highlighting the key principles and safety aspects of the ICAO Position, which could be circulated to inform and raise levels of awareness among the Heads of Delegations of Member States attending the ITU WRC-23; and
- e) further requested the Secretary General to continue to ensure the availability of adequate resources and participation by ICAO Secretariat personnel in the ITU and regional preparatory groups in the period leading to ITU WRC-23, as well as during the conference itself.

Emergency planning and coordination in case of aviation system disruption

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15201, which pursuant to C-DEC 221/1, provided information on the best practices of Member States and other aviation stakeholders in relation to emergency response planning and coordination in case of disruption of the civil aviation system. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in the working paper;
- b) welcomed that that Compendium of States' best practices had been uploaded to the website and was now readily accessible; and
- c) requested the Secretariat to continue gathering information on States' emergency and contingency plans, to complement, to the extent possible, the Compendium of States' best practices on national emergency and contingency plans in case of massive aviation system disruptions.

Cost-recovery for the provision of space weather information services after the first three years of operation

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15202, which provided an overview of the work undertaken to develop a cost-recovery mechanism for the provision of space weather information services. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) requested that the relevant panels of the ATC and ANC, as well as the Secretariat, expedite their work to develop possible options for an appropriate methodology and mechanism for the cost recovery of space weather information services, including how the cost will be determined and allocated, as well as appropriate oversight and administrative functions and associated costs for both provider States and users; and
- b) also requested that the relevant panels of the ATC and ANC further assess the need for cost recovery of the provision of space weather information services, considering the possibility of the continuous provision of the space weather information services at no cost, including an assessment of the long-term risks that might be associated with the no cost recovery model.

Any other business

13. It was noted that as the President of the Council had not received any requests to have the following information papers tabled for consideration, the Council had noted the information contained therein:

- C-WP/15216 – *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for 2020 and Programme of Work for 2021*
- C-WP/15217 – *Report of the JIU entitled “Review of contemporary practices in the external outsourcing of services to commercial service providers by United Nations system organizations” (JIU/REP/2019/9)*
- C-WP/15218 – *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled “Review of the state of the investigation function: progress made in the United Nations system organizations in strengthening the investigation function” (JIU/REP/2020/1)*
- C-WP/15219 - *Report of the JIU entitled “Policies and platforms in support of learning: towards more coherence, coordination and convergence”*
- C-WP/15220 - *Report of the JIU entitled “United Nations common premises: current practices and future prospects” (JIU/REP/2020/3)*
- C-WP/15221 - *Report of the JIU entitled “Enterprise risk management: approaches and uses in United Nations system organizations” (JIU/REP/2020/5)*

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