



COUNCIL — 224TH SESSION

FOURTH MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2021 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Mechanism to address cybersecurity in ICAO

1. The Council resumed (C224/3) consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15255, which provided an overview of the progress made in developing the arrangements pertaining to the new cybersecurity governance structure of ICAO, including draft Terms of Reference and Rules of Procedure for the new Cybersecurity Committee (CSC). The Council also had for consideration oral reports thereon from the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the proposed Terms of Reference for the Cybersecurity Committee, as contained in Appendix A of C-WP/15255, and further agreed to rename the Cybersecurity Committee to the Ad hoc Cybersecurity Coordination Committee, in order to ensure the coordination function of the new Committee was clearly reflected in its name, as recommended by the ASC, as well as to more clearly differentiate the new Committee as separate from the existing Standing Committees and other subsidiary organs of the Council;
- b) took note of the draft Rules of Procedure for the newly created Ad hoc Cybersecurity Coordination Committee, as contained in Appendix B of C-WP/15255, and recommended that the Secretariat, in consultation with the Committee, consider reviewing said Rules of Procedure taking into account the comments raised by the Air Navigation Commission thereon;
- c) further took note of the Terms of Reference of the Cybersecurity Panel, as amended by the ASC, and appended to the ASC oral report; and
- d) affirmed that the resources necessary to support the new cybersecurity governance structure should be allocated as a matter of high priority.

Update on ICAO Cybersecurity activities

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15254, which provided an update on ICAO cybersecurity activities between April 2021 and August 2021. The Council also had for consideration oral reports thereon from both the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

4. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) took note of the updated information presented in C-WP/15254, and welcomed the steps taken by the Secretariat to continue to advance the Organization's work on cybersecurity and cyber resilience; and
 - b) requested the Secretariat to provide a more comprehensive update on the status of activities under the Cybersecurity Action Plan, including through the use of specific targets or milestones in future reports, in order to provide the Council, the ANC and ASC with a broader indication of the progress being made by ICAO in the implementation of the Cybersecurity Action Plan.

Organization and agenda for the Thirty- third Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/33)

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15256, which presented a proposal for the convening of the Thirty-third Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/33). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) approved the convening of AVSECP/33 from 9 to 13 May 2022 as a virtual event, based on the proposed agenda and timetable presented in Appendices A and B of the working paper, respectively, while taking into account the comments of the ASC on the draft agenda, and on the understanding that the timetable would be modified given that the meeting would be held in a virtual setting in order to provide ample opportunities for all participants and observers to participate adequately in the meeting notwithstanding the disparity in time zones, and in this connection, also proposed the scheduling of "rest days" in the timetable of the event, subject to logistical and time constraints; and
 - b) approved the list of organizations to be invited as observers, as presented in Appendix C to the working paper.

Update on the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15257, which presented the conclusion and recommendations of the Ninth Session of the International Explosives Technical Commission (IETC/9), held virtually from 17 to 19 May 2021. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

8. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) took note of the key outcomes arising from the IETC/9 meeting, as outlined in C-WP/15257, as well as the IETC/9 final meeting report, which had been published separately on the Council Secure Portal as a reference document;
 - b) welcomed the launch of the survey of Member States, via the issuance of the State letter, dated 14 September 2021, which was consistent with the recommendations of the IETC as presented in paragraph 5.1 of C-WP/15257; and
 - c) further agreed that the Tenth Session of the IETC (IETC/10) should tentatively be convened from 5 to 8 July 2022, on the basis of the provisional agenda provided in Appendix A to C-WP/15257, and in this connection, agreed that a final decision on

whether the event would take place in an in-person, virtual, or hybrid setting would be taken in early 2022.

Rights of travellers at international airports

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15259, which, pursuant to C-DEC 221/11, presented relevant ICAO provisions and guidance relating to the protection of the rights of travellers at international airports. The Council also had for consideration a joint oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC) and the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15259;
- b) agreed to establish a small working group of Representatives, from both the ATC and ASC, to provide direction for future work concerning the rights of travellers at international airports, including to develop a “problem statement” that could be used as the initial basis for further analysis by the Facilitation Panel (FALP); and
- c) delegated authority to the President of the Council to determine, in consultation with the Chairpersons of the ATC and ASC, the composition of the Small Working Group.

Report of the Tenth Meeting of the AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee (AFI SECFAL Plan SC/10)

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report, as well as a PowerPoint presentation, delivered by the Chairperson of the AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee.

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) welcomed the steady progress achieved in relation to the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan), despite the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions on the delivery of on-site assistance to Member States;
- b) took note of the main challenges to the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan, as outlined in paragraph 3 of the oral report, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to take these challenges into consideration when developing and finalizing the ICAO Business Plan 2023-2024-2025;
- c) endorsed the key priorities identified by the Steering Committee, as reflected in paragraph 4 of the oral report;
- d) reiterated the importance of resource mobilization efforts in support of the AFI SECFAL Plan and in this regard, encouraged Member States to continue to provide voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to support implementation efforts in the region, as well as to strengthen capacity-building activities in key areas of aviation security and facilitation; and
- e) invited the President of the Council and the Secretary General to take every opportunity to highlight the priorities of the AFI SECFAL Plan in the context of their missions and meetings with high-level representatives of Member States.

Convening of the Eleventh Session of the Statistics Division (STA/11)

13. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15278, which presented a proposal for the convening of the Eleventh Session of the Statistics Division (STA/11). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

14. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the convening of the Eleventh Session of the Statistics Division (STA/11) in a virtual setting from 4 to 8 April 2022, on the understanding that the schedule for the event would ensure the equal participation of all Members in the meeting proceedings, while taking into consideration lessons learned from the ICAO High-level Conference on COVID-19, which was also held virtually in October 2021;
- b) approved the list of organizations to be invited as observers as presented in paragraph 5 of the working paper; and
- c) further approved the STA/11 provisional agenda, as reflected in the Appendix to the working paper, while at the same time, emphasizing in particular, the importance of agenda item 2 “Big data analytics” in the context of personal data protection when using big data.

Recommendations of the Joint Support Committee related to items under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreements reviewed during the 224th Session

15. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15253, which presented the recommendations of the Joint Support Committee (JSC) on items under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreement.

16. Following consideration, the Council approved the actions recommended by the JSC, as outlined in the Executive Summaries of JS-WP/2110, JS-WP/2111, JS-WP/2112, JS-WP/2113 and JS-WP/2114. It was noted that in recognition of the importance of the joint financing agreements, an informal briefing of the Council on this subject matter would be arranged at a future session.

Budget and Operating Plan for the Ancillary Revenue Generation Fund (ARGF) for 2022

17. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15236, which presented the Ancillary Revenue Generation Fund (ARGF) budgetary estimates for the year 2022 and the associated operating plan. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC).

18. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) endorsed the ARGF budget and operating plan for the year 2022;
- b) took note of the limited recovery expected from the COVID-19 pandemic and the potential related impacts this would likely have on the ARGF in the course of the calendar year 2022;
- c) further noted the risks associated with the protection of ICAO intellectual property, as well as the impact of Member States posting ICAO saleable documents online, and in this connection, requested that the Secretariat continue to closely monitor the potential impact of this matter on revenue generation; and

- d) took note of the recommendations of the Finance Committee pertaining to revenue generation as outlined in paragraph 3 of its oral report pertaining to revenue generation, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to continue to seek innovative ways to expand revenue generating activities and to keep the Council apprised accordingly of further developments in this regard.

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