



COUNCIL — 224TH SESSION

SIXTH MEETING

(VIRTUAL MEETING ON MONDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2021, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

CLOSED MEETING

Not available

OPEN MEETING

ANC Work Programme for the 219th Session

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15252, which presented the proposed work programme for the 219th Session of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).
4. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) approved the proposed work programme of the Air Navigation Commission for its 219th Session, as outlined in Appendix A of C-WP/15252;
 - b) took note of the planned items for the 220th and 221st Sessions, as outlined in Appendices B and C, respectively, of C-WP/15252; and
 - c) invited the ANC to consider and provide advice to the Council on the priorities of the Organization in the technical domain of Safety and Air Navigation, to be reflected in the ICAO Business Plan 2023-2024-2025.

Appointment of the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15251, as presented by the President of the Council.
6. It was recalled that in accordance with Rule 16 c) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), the President had invited the Members of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), under cover of memorandum PRES SS/3226, dated 1 October 2021, to present to him in writing, before the close of business on 18 October 2021, their candidatures for the post of President of the ANC for the year 2022. At the time of the close of nominations, Messrs. Padhraic Kelleher and John Wycliffe Kabbs Twijuke had presented their candidatures. Their curricula vitae were reproduced, in English only, in the Appendix to C-WP/15251. The main qualities needed by the President of the ANC were set forth in C-WP/14914, as approved by the Council on 22 May 2019 [cf. C-DEC 217/2, paragraph 12 b) and c)]. A list of presiding officers of the ANC since 1947 was appended to C-WP/15251.

7. Pursuant to Rule 16 c) and paragraph 1 of Appendix D of the said Rules of Procedure (Doc 7559), the Council agreed to proceed, by secret ballot, to the appointment of the President of the ANC. In this connection, the Council decided that the first round of voting would occur in the afternoon of Wednesday, 3 November 2021, from 1430-1530 hours, in the Council Chamber, and in accordance with the procedures contained in Appendix A to the *Guidelines for virtual meetings of the Council*. It was further noted that additional logistical details in this regard would be notified in due course.

8. It was also understood that as per the Rules of Procedure (Doc 7559), paragraph 1 to Appendix D, the appointment of the President of the ANC required a majority of the Members of the Council. In this connection, it was confirmed that only 35 of the 36 Member States represented on the Council were eligible to participate in the voting process at this time, as one Member State was ineligible to vote on the basis of being in financial arrears in the payment of assessed contributions.

Governance of the International Aviation Trust Framework

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15276, presented by France, and which proposed a list of nine principles that might be considered in the context of the Council's further deliberations on the governance of the International Aviation Trust Framework (IATF). The Council also had for consideration an associated oral report from the Secretary General.

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15276 and associated oral report; and
- b) agreed that the guiding principles outlined in the Appendix to C-WP/15276 should be taken into consideration by the Secretariat in further developing options for the governance, management and technical aspects of the international aviation trust framework (IATF), on the understanding that these would first be presented to the Air Navigation Commission for review, prior to their further consideration by the Council during the 225th Session.

Report of the twenty-fourth meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee (AFI Plan SC/24)

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report and a PowerPoint presentation, which were both presented by the Chairperson of the AFI Plan Steering Committee. In so doing, the Council agreed to waive rule 26 b) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, pertaining to the timeline requirement for the issuance of oral reports, since in this case, the oral report had been issued less than three working days in advance of the meeting.

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented by the Chairperson of the AFI Plan Steering Committee, and welcomed the achievements by the AFI Plan, despite the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the implementation of the programme activities;
- b) endorsed the decisions and recommendations arising from the 24th meeting of the AFI Plan Steering Committee, as outlined in paragraph 5 of the oral report; and
- c) noted with appreciation of the President of the Council and the Secretary General to continue to draw attention to the priorities of the AFI Plan and AFI SECFA Plan, in the context of their engagements with high-level representatives of Member States.

Update on the ICAO multilingualism strategy

13. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15243, which pursuant to C-DEC 223/5, outlined the actions taken by the Secretariat towards the development of a comprehensive ICAO multilingualism strategy. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

14. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15243, particularly the Secretariat's plan to present a draft ICAO Multilingualism Strategy for further consideration and endorsement by the Council during the 225th Session; and
- b) requested that the elements identified in paragraph 4 of the COG oral report be reflected in the draft ICAO Multilingualism Strategy, accordingly.

Convening of the 38th Session of the Legal Committee

15. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15280, which presented a proposal for the convening of the 38th Session of the Legal Committee.

16. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the convening of the 38th Session of the Legal Committee from 22 to 25 March 2022 at ICAO Headquarters, on the understanding that States would be given the flexibility of participating remotely should their representatives be unable to travel to Montréal to attend in person as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated restrictive measures;
- b) further approved the Provisional Agenda for the 38th Session, as set out in Appendix A of the working paper;
- c) agreed that the invitation to attend the Session be extended to all non-Contracting States, as well as those international organizations set out in Appendix B to the working paper; and
- d) delegated authority to the President of the Council to change the dates for the convening of the 38th Session of the Legal Committee, if need be, given the evolving circumstances associated with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Report on gender-neutral language in panel procedures

17. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Secretary General, together with an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

18. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) reaffirmed the importance of maintaining the current momentum in the work to achieve gender equality at ICAO and in the aviation sector, while recalling the Council's pledge to provide leadership on this issue, specifically through the adoption of the "Declaration on improving gender representation in ICAO's governing and technical bodies" on the occasion of International Women's Day (C-DEC 222/7, refers);

- b) took note of the information presented in the Secretary General's oral report, and urged the Secretariat to continue to make progress in implementing the recommendations of Council Small Group on Gender, and in the Declaration; and
- c) further noted that the ICAO Gender Equality Programme Implementation Plan was currently being updated to better align with the broader initiatives under the UN System Framework, and that the amended Implementation Plan would include, among other elements, provisions for the monitoring and collection of data on gender representation in various bodies.

Any other business

G20 Summit

19. The Council welcomed the Leaders' Declaration arising from the recently concluded G20 Summit in Rome, Italy, in which reference was made to the importance of restarting international travel in a safe and orderly manner and of implementing "shared standards to ensure seamless travel". In this context, it was noted that ICAO would shortly be issuing a State letter to Member States as well as a media release in order to highlight the related outcomes of the High-level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC) and to emphasize the need for all stakeholders to adhere to the recommendations of the HLCC in this regard.

Informal briefing on state of the industry

20. With reference to the upcoming informal briefing on the "State of the Industry", to be held on Friday, 12 November 2021, at 1430 hours, the Council noted that this would be held in a hybrid format, representing a first for the Organization. In order to comply with public health protocols and sanitary guidelines, it was understood that the briefing would be convened in the Assembly Hall at ICAO Headquarters, with in-person participation limited to one Representative (or their Alternate) per Delegation, along with one participant per observer entity. All other participants were invited to connect to the briefing remotely, as per the established procedure for virtual meetings of the Council. Recalling that the Council had last convened in-person on 13 March 2020, the Council welcomed the opportunity to gradually resume meeting in-person, and expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for the continuous efforts to support the Council, the ANC and the other Standing Bodies in this regard.

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