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COUNCIL — 234TH SESSION

SEVENTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2025 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Review of the Air Navigation Work Programme

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Air Navigation Commission (P/ANC), which provided an update on the amendments made to the Air Navigation (AN) Work Programme since last reported to the Council during the 230th Session.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) noting the information presented in the oral report, expressed appreciation to the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) for its continued support in producing Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), which are an essential and vital element of the Organization's work;
 - b) took note of the ANC's concern regarding the delays in the issuance of guidance material required to support the implementation of amendments to Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)/Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS), and in this connection, encouraged the Secretariat to prioritize the timely delivery of this guidance material, invited the Secretariat to explore alternative and innovative approaches to supporting the development and implementation of SARPs and guidance material, including, *inter alia*, through prioritization and leveraging expertise of Member States and industry, and requested the Secretariat to report to the Council on this matter at a future Session;
 - c) noted the need to allocate sufficient resources in the 2026 – 2028 Regular Budget for the Secretariat to support the ANC and all elements of its work programme;
 - d) noted efforts to align the air navigation work programme with the amendments proposed for the next edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), as well as the efforts being made by the Secretariat to minimize any potential delays to the ASBU Framework arising from this exercise.

The Proposed Standardization Roadmap

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15665, which pursuant to C-DEC 233/6, presented a report on the progress made in the deployment of the ICAO Standardization Roadmap, including a series of lessons learned with respect to the associated processes.

4. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) took note of the progress made by the ANC to initiate the application of the Standardization Roadmap Concept, and welcomed the positive outcome of the Commission's experience in adopting this approach, as reflected in C-WP/15665;
 - b) acknowledged the lessons learned from the initial deployment of the Roadmap, and that further refinements would be required to address specific issues as identified by the ANC, as reported in paragraph 2.2 and 2.3 of C-WP/15665; and
 - c) agreed that the ICAO Standardization Roadmap should continue to be developed and adjusted, with the engagement of submitting entities, and taking into account the lessons learned and experience from its initial deployment, it being understood that the Roadmap would become operational by the second quarter of 2025, and in advance of the 42nd Session of the Assembly.

ANC Work Programme for the 229th Session

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15669, which presented the proposed work programme for the 229th Session of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).
6. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) approved the proposed ANC work programme for its 229th Session, including the Session's opening and closing dates of 28 April to 4 July 2025, respectively, with a recess from 26 May to 6 June 2025; and
 - b) took note of the planned items for the 230th and 231st Sessions, as outlined in Appendices B and C of the working paper, respectively.

Results of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP/13)

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Chairperson of the ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP), which summarized the results of the thirteenth meeting of the CAEP (CAEP/13), held from 17 to 28 February 2025, at ICAO Headquarters in Montréal, Canada.
8. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) recognized the invaluable contributions of the CAEP in supporting the work of the Council, and expressed its appreciation for the dedicated efforts by the CAEP to consistently deliver a high standard and quality of work;
 - b) took note of the information contained the oral report, it being understood that the full report and recommendations arising from the CAEP/13 meeting would be considered during the 235th Session of the Council; and
 - c) in welcoming the new CAEP Secretary, Dr. N. Dickson, Chief, Environmental Standards, also conveyed its sincere gratitude to the outgoing CAEP Secretary, Ms. J. Hupe, Deputy Director, Environment, for her tireless dedication and exceptional contributions in guiding and supporting the work of the CAEP over the past 27 years.

Draft Assembly working paper – Evolution of the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) 2026-2028

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15668, which presented a draft Assembly working paper regarding the plans to evolve the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) in 2026-2027-2028 and the proposed improvements in addressing data management in the USOAP online framework (OLF). The Council also had for consideration an oral report from the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15668, as well as the associated oral report by the ANC thereon, and in doing so, welcomed the efforts made to further evolve the USOAP-CMA during the next triennium, and in particular, the intention to further progress the CMA concept in line with the evolution of Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) and implementation support;
- b) underlined the importance of ensuring the sustainability of the Programme, as a critical means to support Member States in the implementation of ICAO SARPs, and in this regard, requested that the allocation of resources to the USOAP be considered further in the ongoing discussions on the 2026-2028 Regular Budget;
- c) approved the draft Assembly working paper contained in C-WP/15668, as amended by the ANC and appended to its oral report, and subject to the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration, in relation to:
 - i. inserting the following text at the end of paragraph 2.1.6 of the draft Assembly working paper, “Recognizing the challenges involved with auditing performance-based provisions, ICAO will continue to enhance the risk-based methodology used by the USOAP-CMA to enable the auditing of performance-based Standards as they are adopted by ICAO. In addition, the USOAP-CMA methodology will be analysed to consider outcome-based assessments of PQs, while safeguarding the principle of standardization in USOAP-CMA practices”;
 - ii. clarifying paragraph 3.2 to better reflect the need for additional resources in addition to filling the posts of retiring staff as a means to reinforce and support the evolution and sustainability of the Programme; and
 - iii. reviewing those operative clauses of the draft Assembly resolution which direct the Secretary General and the Council, in order to align with the terminology used in other Assembly Resolutions and taking into consideration current circumstances, as appropriate; and
- d) delegated authority to the President of the Council to thereafter approve the revised working paper on its behalf, for subsequent submission to the 42nd Session of the Assembly.

Any other business

Options for the establishment of an ICAO Innovation Award

11. Pursuant to the decision taken by the Council earlier this Session to approve the ICAO *Policy on Innovation* (C-DEC 234/6, refers), the Representative of Spain on the Council provided an oral update regarding the proposal raised during the COG’s consideration of the *Policy* for the establishment of

an award mechanism, that would serve to foster cultural change and the development of innovative solutions that would be of benefit to ICAO Member States. On that basis, the Council invited the Small Group on Innovation (SGI) to consider options for establishing an ICAO innovation award, including the feasibility of granting such an award and possible evaluation criteria, and to present a report to the Council on the outcome of its review during the next Session.

Amendments to the work programme of the Council

12. On the basis of a proposal by the President of the Council, and in addition to the amendments to the work programme for the 234th Session and reflected in the Addendum/Corrigendum No. 1 to C-WP/15614 Revision No. 1, the Council agreed to further amend its work programme, with the addition of the working paper, *Election of the Second Vice-President of the Council*.

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