



C-DEC 234/8
27/03/25

COUNCIL — 234TH SESSION

EIGHTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Condolences

1. The President, on behalf of the Council, expressed his sincere condolences to the Representative of Mauritania and his family following the recent passing away of the Representative's mother.

Facilitation Conference 2025 – Draft Declaration

2. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15672, which presented a consolidated version of the draft Ministerial Declaration to be adopted during the Ministerial Segment of the upcoming ICAO Facilitation Conference (FALC), being held from 14 to 17 April 2025, in Doha, Qatar, taking into account the outcomes of the State letter consultation process. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

3. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15672 and Flimsy No. 1, including the outcome of the State letter consultation with Member States, and the resulting amendments to the draft Declaration, as contained in Appendix A to C-WP/15672, together with the additional comments and editorial suggestions of the Secretariat thereon as presented to the ATC in Flimsy No. 1 to C-WP/15672; and
- b) approved the draft Ministerial Declaration, as amended by the ATC and appended to its oral report, it being understood that the draft Declaration contained in the ATC Oral report also incorporated the revisions proposed by the Secretariat (Flimsy No. 1, refers);
- c) agreed that the draft Declaration would be published on the FALC website, accordingly.

Recent Correspondence by the Russian Federation

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report from the Secretary General.

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information contained in the oral report, as well as the additional update presented by the Secretary General confirming that a reply to the President of the Council's letter, dated 13 January 2025, had been received from the Representative

of the Russian Federation to ICAO, dated 19 March 2025, and circulated to all Council Representatives by e-mail on 21 March 2025; and

- b) requested that the Council be further updated during the 235th Session should there be any new developments in this regard, including any additional correspondence which may be received from the Russian Federation in the intervening period.

Draft Regular Budget Proposals for 2026-2027-2028

6. The Council resumed its consideration of C-WP/15646 (C-DEC 234/3, refers) on the basis of a high-level summary document presented by Secretariat, which outlined the key elements of the three budget scenarios under consideration for the Organization's Draft Regular Budget for the upcoming 2026-2027-2028 triennium, including impacts on the delivery of core programmes and additional funding needs.

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) welcomed, with appreciation, the high-level summary document which had been prepared by the Secretariat to further refine the budget proposals for the 2026 – 2028 triennium, and agreed that this high-level document should serve to facilitate the continued bilateral engagement by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the FIC, supported by the Secretariat, with the Council Representatives;
- b) requested the Secretariat to consider the amendments and suggested improvements to the high-level summary document as proposed by the Council over the course of its deliberations, for inclusion in a subsequent iteration of the high-level summary document; and
- c) agreed that the updated high-level summary document would serve to support the Council's further consideration of the draft Budget for 2026-2027-2028, and in that connection, further agreed to continue its deliberations in this regard at a subsequent meeting of the current 234th Session.

Any other business

Amendments to the work programme of the Council

8. 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 an oral report relating to the Edward Warner Award Fund, to be presented by the President of the Council.

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