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COUNCIL — 234TH SESSION

THIRTEENTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, TUESDAY, 1 APRIL 2025 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

CLOSED MEETING

Not available

OPEN MEETING

Disbandment of the Edward Warner Award (EWA) Fund

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report from the President of the Council.
4. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) agreed to henceforth award a gold-plated Edward Warner Award medal, in lieu of the solid gold medal previously conferred, it being understood that this would preserve the award's profound symbolic significance while reducing the associated costs; and
 - b) further agreed to dissolve the EWA Fund, in accordance with its decision in a) above, noting that the consequential amendments to the *Statutes of the Edward Warner Award Fund* (Doc 7947) arising from this decision would be presented to the Council for consideration during the 235th Session.

Recommendations of the Joint Support Committee Related to items under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreements Reviewed during the 234th Session

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15687, which presented the recommendations of the Joint Support Committee on items under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreements reviewed during the 234th Session.
6. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) approved the actions recommended by the JSC, as outlined in the Executive Summary of JS-WP/2174;
 - b) noted the concerns expressed by the JSC regarding the progression of the *Gateway for Connection of VoIP Telephone Services in Greenland* project, and underscored the importance of Service Providers keeping the JSC informed of potential issues in a

timely manner, particularly in cases where the continuity of a project may be at risk;

- c) requested that, for future Sessions, the Secretariat take into account the views of the JSC on procedural matters, as indicated in paragraph 2.2 of C-WP/15687, including in particular, that the correspondence approach should not be used to approve working papers containing recommendations to the Council; and
- d) recalled the need to proceed urgently with the updates of the Annexes to the Joint Support Agreements in order to revise references to air navigation aids that are no longer in use, and noted that letters would be sent to those Member States whose operators had a significant volume of crossings in the North Atlantic, inviting them to join the Joint Support Agreement.

Financing for Aviation CO₂ Emissions Reduction Measures

7. The Council commenced its consideration of this item, with the presentation of the oral report by the Chairperson of the Small Group on Financing for Aviation CO₂ Emissions Reduction Measures. The Council agreed to resume its substantive consideration of the oral report at a subsequent meeting of the current 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, as follows:

- amend C-WP/15680, *Progress Report on the Implementation of the ICAO Gender Equality Programme*, whereby those elements of the working paper relating to the annual report on the implementation of the ICAO Gender Equality Programme for the year 2024, would now be published on the Council Secure Portal as a report for information only during the 234th Session; and
- defer the remaining elements contained in C-WP/15680 to the 235th Session, to be presented as a new working paper.

Accident in the United States in January 2025

9. The Council took note of the information presented by the Representative of the United States, regarding the circumstances surrounding the accident involving a U.S. Army Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter and American Airlines Flight 5342, which occurred on 29 January 2025, over the Potomac River in Washington D.C., as well as an overview of the subsequent actions taken to enhance air navigation safety in the area in which the accident occurred. In doing so, the Council expressed its deepest condolences and sympathies to the victims of this tragic accident and their families.

Additional background information relating to Amendment 82 to Annex 3

10. Pursuant to the Council's initial consideration of C-WP/15652 and the proposed Amendment 82 to Annex 3 (C-DEC 234/12, refers), the President of the Council provided additional background information in this regard, with a view to facilitating the Council's further deliberations on the proposed Amendment. The Council noted the information presented by the President, including the process that led to the development and adoption of ICAO's SARPs for the provision of space weather information and its relevance to the related amendment proposals currently under consideration, as well as the procedural

and legal aspects regarding the Council's role in the adoption of Annex amendments.

Appointment of an Observer to the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP)

11. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 27 March 2025 to the President of the Council's email dated 13 March 2025, Mr. Olivier Husse had been appointed as the Observer for ICCAIA to CAEP, replacing Mr. Eric Upton, with effect from 28 March 2025.

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