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COUNCIL — 234TH SESSION
FIFTEENTH MEETING
(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 4 APRIL 2025 AT 1000 HOURS)
SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Financing for Aviation CO₂ Emissions Reduction Measures

1. The Council resumed its consideration of this item, recalling that the oral report by the Chairperson of the Small Group on Financing for Aviation CO₂ Emissions Reduction Measures had been introduced at a previous Council meeting (C-DEC 234/13 refers).
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) expressed its appreciation to the Chairperson and the Members of the Small Group for their dedicated efforts in reviewing the study commissioned pursuant to Resolution A41-21, operative clause 18 b), and for delivering its recommendations for the Council's further consideration within a very short timeframe;
 - b) requested that the Secretariat, in preparing the draft Assembly working paper containing information for the Council's reporting to the 42nd Session of the Assembly on the work undertaken to address Resolution A41-21, operative clause 18 b), take into consideration the proposed funding mechanisms and finance initiatives as identified by the Small Group in paragraphs 5 and 6, respectively, of its oral report; and
 - c) invited the Small Group to consider the aforementioned draft Assembly working paper during the Committee phase of the 235th Session, in order to ensure its timely consideration by the Small Group, in advance of the Council's subsequent discussion that Session.

Draft Regular Budget Proposals for 2026-2027- 2028

3. The Council resumed its consideration of C-WP/15646 (C-DEC 234/3 and C-DEC 234/8, refer) on the basis of a revised high-level summary document presented by the Secretary General.
4. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) reiterated appreciation to the Secretariat, Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the FIC for their continued engagement in refining the budget scenarios, and in that regard,

commended the preparation of the Zero-Based Budget (ZBB) scenario, noting that this information provided a unique opportunity to review the level of funding needed to fulfil the Organization's mandate;

- b) reaffirmed that the budget levels under the Zero Real Growth (ZRG) or Zero Nominal Growth (ZNG) scenarios were insufficient to address ICAO's operational realities, emerging priorities, and expanded roles and responsibilities as mandated by Member States through relevant ICAO Assembly Resolutions, while noting that several Member States maintained national policies that do not foresee increases in assessed contributions to international organizations, and accordingly requested the exploration of creative and innovative solutions that strike a realistic balance between fiscal constraints and the flexibility needed to support the Organization, while also achieving further efficiencies;
- c) welcomed, with appreciation, the revised high-level summary document which had been further refined by the Secretariat to incorporate the feedback received over the course of the Council's earlier discussion in that regard (C-DEC 234/8, refers);
- d) acknowledged that additional time is required for the Council to reach agreement on the budget scenario to serve as the basis for the Secretariat's finalization of the proposed Regular Budget for the 2026-2027-2028 triennium;
- e) requested the Secretary General, without prejudice to the outcome of the Council's ongoing consultations on the final budget proposal to be submitted to the 42nd Session of the Assembly, to prepare the interim draft Regular Budget estimates for the 2026-2027-2028 triennium, on the basis of the ZBB scenario, to facilitate further discussion and consideration by the Finance Committee; and
- f) requested that the Secretariat prepare the final draft Regular Budget estimates, incorporating recommendations of the Finance Committee arising from its review of the interim draft Regular Budget estimates, for further consideration by the Council during the 235th Council Session.

Election of the Second Vice-President of the Council

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15693 Revision No. 1, which in light of the resignation of the Second Vice-President (Representative of Malaysia), invited the Council to elect a new Second Vice-President for the remainder of the 2024-2025 term.

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) agreed to suspend paragraph 3 of Appendix B and that part of paragraph 2 of Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, related to elections taking place by secret ballot unless waived by unanimous decision by the Members represented at the meeting;
- b) agreed to suspend that part of Rule 9 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, which provides that the term of office of a Vice-President shall extend for one year from the date of the election; and
- c) on the nomination of the Representative of Equatorial Guinea, seconded by the Representative of Italy, elected the Representative of the United Kingdom as the Second Vice-President for the remainder of the 2024-2025 term, with effect from the

235th Session and pursuant to its rules of procedure.

7. In light of the vacancy created in the role of the Third Vice-President as a result of the preceding decision, the Council, on the motion of the Representative of Equatorial Guinea, seconded by the Representative of Austria, agreed to proceed immediately with the election of a Third Vice-President. Accordingly, the Council on the nomination of the Representative of Equatorial Guinea, seconded by the Representative of Austria, elected the Representative of Australia as the Third Vice-President for the remainder of the 2024-2025 terms, with effect from the 235th Session and pursuant to its rules of procedure.

Election of the Chairperson of the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC)

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15695, which in light of the resignation of the Chairperson of the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC) (Representative of Canada), invited the Council to elect a new Chairperson of the CEC for the remainder of the 2024-2025 term.

9. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) agreed to suspend paragraph 3 of Appendix B and that part of paragraph 2 of Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, related to elections taking place by secret ballot unless waived by unanimous decision by the Members represented at the meeting; and
- b) on the nomination of the Representative of Canada, seconded by the Representative of Italy, elected the Representative of Mexico (Mr. Dionisio Méndez Mayora) as the Chairperson of CEC for the remainder of the 2024-2025 term, with effect from the 235th Session.

Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 235th Session

10. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15651, which presented the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 235th Session. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

11. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the work programme of the Council and its Committees for the 235th Session, as contained in C-WP/15651, as amended by the COG, and taking into account the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration, namely:
 - i. to amend the title of item 29 to read, “*Draft Assembly working paper – Climate change – Global Framework for SAF, LCAF and other aviation cleaner energies*”, as well as the description to read, “...and its implementation Roadmap, encompassing the four Building Blocks, including...”;
 - ii. that item 34, *Draft Assembly working paper – Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) initiative*, would be reviewed by the Small Group on the Social Dimension of Sustainability, prior to its consideration by the COG and the Council;
- b) also approved the list of proposed informal briefings, as modified by the COG, and

reflected in Appendix A of its oral report, while noting that informal briefings would be scheduled to the extent possible during the Committee phase;

- c) took note of the proposed list of items to be shared for information, as reflected in Appendix B of the COG oral report, and in this connection, requested that the Secretariat consider an appropriate mechanism to ensure that all such items were communicated to Council Members, as they became available;
- d) recalled that the decisions taken by the Council over the course of the current Session that affect the work programme for the 235th Session in terms of supplementary items, amendments to existing items, or deferrals of items, and that were not currently reflected, would be incorporated in a revised version of C-WP/15651, which would be issued in due course; and
- e) noting that the first day of the Council phase of the 235th Session on 9 June 2025 may coincide with the observance of Eid Al Adha, invited the President of the Council and the Secretary General to consider possible options to re-schedule said Council meeting, if necessary.

Any other business

New Member from the Dominican Republic to CAEP

12. In accordance with paragraphs 4.1.5 and 4.2.2 of the CAEP Directives, the Council reviewed the nomination from the Dominican Republic of a new CAEP Member, on the basis of the e-mail circulated by the President of the Council dated 27 March 2025.

13. Following consideration, the Council appointed, with immediate effect, Ms. Judit De León to serve as the new CAEP Member representing the Dominican Republic to CAEP.

Broadcasting Services during the 42nd Assembly

14. The Council took note of the information provided by the Secretariat with respect to the broadcasting services to be used during the 42nd Assembly, and in doing so, acknowledged that while the 42nd Session of the Assembly would be convened as an in-person event, the proceedings would be broadcast for remote viewing via the ICAO TV and other platforms.

Farewell to Council Representatives

15. The Council bade farewell to the Representatives of Canada (Ms. Annick Goulet) and Malaysia (Ms. Flora Chin Lee Sa).

Information items considered by Council Committees

16. The Council noted that based on the summaries of discussions issued over the course of the current session, the following information items had been considered by the various subsidiary bodies of the Council and that no further action was required therefrom:

- *Aviation Security Risk Overview*
- *Report on Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau activities during 2024*
- *Annual Report of the Chief of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO)*
- *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled "Review of the internal pre-tribunal-stage appeal mechanisms available to staff of the United Nations system"*

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- *Progress achieved by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC)*

Items circulated for information only

17. The Council noted that the following information items had been circulated for information purposes, and had been published on the Council website, accordingly:

- *Review of the net base salaries and representation allowances of the President of the Council and the Secretary General*
- *2024 Transformational Objective Annual Report*
- *Annual Report of the Investigative Entity on Cases of Misconduct Handles on Behalf of ICAO – 2024*
- *Annual Report on Actions Taken in Response to Complaints of Misconduct and Retaliation – 2024*
- *Annual Report of the ICAO Gender Equality Programme for 2024*
- *Annual Report on the Implementation of the ICAO Multilingualism Strategy - 2024*
- *Financial Report of the Edward Warner Award Fund (Revision No.1)*
- *ICAO Financial Situation Report January to December 2024 (Preliminary)*
- *Regional Office Key Achievements in 2024*
- *Report on the Activities of the Implementation Support and Development – Security (ISD-SEC) Programme*
- *Report on the ICAO Year of Facilitation 2024*
- *Report on the Outcomes of the Second Symposium on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and Their Families*
- *Sessional Report of the Secretary General (234th Session)*
- *Study Report on the Consideration of the Establishment of a Climate Finance Initiative or Funding Mechanism Under ICAO*
- *Update on Information Security Incident*

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