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COUNCIL — 235TH SESSION

EIGHTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2025 AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Gratitude to France

1. The President, on behalf of the Council, expressed sincere appreciation to the Delegation of France, as well as to the French authorities, for their hospitality and generosity in organizing the Council's fruitful visit to the Paris Airshow (Le Bourget), and to the Airbus facilities in Toulouse.

Condolences

2. The President, on behalf of the Council, expressed his sincere condolences to the Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau (D/LEB) and his family following the recent passing away of the Director's mother.

Situation in the Middle East

3. The Council noted with grave concern the recent developments in the Middle East, which posed a serious risk to the safety and security of international civil aviation in the region. The Council also took note of the statement delivered by the Representative of the United Arab Emirates in this respect. It was understood that the Secretariat would continue to keep the Council apprised of the matter, as appropriate.

Draft Assembly working paper – *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to facilitation*

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15719, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on developments pertaining to ICAO's work on Facilitation since the last Assembly, relating to Annex 9 — *Facilitation*, the ICAO Traveller Identification Programme (TRIP) Strategy and the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD). The paper also proposed amendments to Assembly Resolution A41-17 – *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to facilitation*, reflecting major developments since the last Session of the Assembly. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15719, as well as the associated oral report by the ATC thereon, and in doing so, welcomed the proposed amendments to Assembly Resolution A41-17, emphasizing the importance of this Resolution to the

Organization's work in the area of facilitation, including as a means to enhance implementation of Annex 9 – *Facilitation*;

- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15719, subject to the amendments of the ATC, including to Appendix D, being incorporated for subsequent submission to the 42nd Session of the Assembly; and
- c) noting the Secretariat's intention to feature a SkyTalks presentation on the ICAO PKD during the 42nd Session of the Assembly, requested the Secretariat to also provide an informal briefing to the Council on the matter at its 236th Session.

ICAO's leadership in economic development of air transport

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15723, which presented an update on the work undertaken by the Small Group on ICAO's Leadership in Economic Development of Air Transport (SGED). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its appreciation to the SGED for the progress made in advancing this work, and welcomed the recommendations of the Small Group, as presented in paragraph 7.2 of C-WP/15723, while noting the comments of the ATC thereon, as reflected in its oral report;
- b) requested that the Secretariat reflect the relevant recommendations listed in Appendix in the Assembly working paper, *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies in the air transport field*, while carefully reviewing paragraph 3.5 of the said working paper to ensure its consistency with ICAO's mandate, it being understood that the final Assembly working paper would be circulated to all Council Representatives for consideration and approval under cover of a Memorandum from the Secretary General, in accordance with the applicable procedure described in Memorandum PRES SS/3707, dated 24 February 2025;
- c) agreed to pursue the development of a strategic roadmap to enhance and support the implementation of activities under the Economic Development of Air Transport work programme, as reflected in the ICAO Business Plan 2026-2028; and
- d) further agreed to revisit, in light of the discussions held during the current meeting, the scope of tasks assigned to the SGED, including potential overlaps with the work of the Air Transport Regulation Panel (ATRP), as well as the appropriate mechanism for the development of the strategic roadmap.

Convening of the Seventh Worldwide Air Transport Conference (AT-Conf/7)

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15721, which presented recommendations regarding the provisional theme, provisional agenda, format, participation and dates for convening the Seventh Worldwide Air Transport Conference (ATConf/7). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

9. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the convening of ATConf/7 at ICAO Headquarters, in Montréal, Canada, from 16 to 20 November 2026, in all ICAO languages;
- b) invited the Secretariat to prepare a concept note on the basis of the proposed draft agenda attached to the oral report of the ATC, and to circulate a State letter to Member States and industry stakeholders, with the concept note appended, in order to solicit input; and
- c) requested the Secretariat to report to the ATC and the Council during the 236th Session on the outcome of this consultation process, as well as any pertinent developments arising from the 42nd Session of the Assembly and other air transport-related events, to support the finalization of the provisional agenda for the Conference.

Progress report on the transition plan on integrating the aviation security training programme into the ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Programme in line with the ICAO Training Policy

10. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15717 (Information paper), which reported on the progress made on the transition plan to integrate the ICAO aviation security training programme into the ICAO TRAINAIR Plus Programme (TPP). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

11. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information contained in C-WP/15717 and the ASC oral report thereon, and in doing so, noted the ASC's concerns regarding the potential adverse impact of the new administration fee of USD 100.00, per trainee, for aviation security training, while reaffirming the importance of maintaining high-quality and affordable aviation security training for all States, in line with ICAO's strategic goal of *No Country Left Behind*;
- b) supported the proposed way forward as outlined in C-WP/15717 and reflected in the ASC oral report, noting that the Secretariat will continue developing the associated impact assessment in consultation with the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP) and the Aviation Security Training Centre (ASTC) network; and
- c) in that connection, requested that the Secretariat report any updates to the transition plan, together with the comprehensive impact assessment, reviewed by the AVSECP, to the Council accordingly.

Recommendations of the Joint Support Committee Related to Items Under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreements Reviewed during the 235th Session

12. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15724, which presented the recommendations of the Joint Support Committee on items reviewed under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreements during the 235th Session.

13. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the actions recommended by the JSC, as outlined in the Executive Summaries of JS-WP/2176 and 2177;

- b) with reference to the action proposed in the Executive Summary of JS-WP/2178, agreed that the non-directional beacon (NDB) at Myggenaes in the Faroe Islands, would no longer be charged to international civil aviation users;
- c) further agreed that the forthcoming review of the Annexes to the Joint Support Agreements (C-DEC 234/13 refers), to be submitted at the 236th Session of the Council, would reflect the decision on the NDB at Myggenaes as an amendment to the Annexes, while also including other relevant updates, including potential operational enhancements pertinent to international civil aviation, in line with the provisions of the Agreements; and
- d) noted that the Secretariat was in the process of issuing letters to those Member States whose operators had a significant volume of crossings in the North Atlantic, inviting them to join the Joint Support Agreements.

Adoption of Amendment 2 to Annex 19 — *Safety Management*

14. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15706 which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendment 2 to Annex 19 — *Safety Management*.

15. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that an effective date of 4 November 2025 and proposed applicability date of 26 November 2026 would be suitable for Amendment 2 to Annex 19.

16. The Council also took note of the implementation task list, including an outline of guidance material, as contained in Appendix A to the working paper, as well as the impact assessment provided in Appendix B to the working paper.

17. Following consideration, the Council, by 36 votes in favour, no votes against, and no abstentions:

- a) adopted, as Amendment 2 to Annex 19 the amendments to definitions and to Standards and Recommended Practices as contained in Appendix C to the working paper;
- b) approved, as part of the said Amendment, the amendment to the Notes as contained in Appendix C to the working paper;
- c) approved the Resolution of Adoption in Appendix D to the working paper; and
- d) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Foreword of Annex 19 as contained in Appendix E to the working paper.

Any other business

Request from an Observer to participate in closed meetings of the Council

18. It was noted that in the absence of comments to the email circulated by the President of the Council in June 2025, and in accordance with Rule 32 a) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, the Council had agreed to invite Mr. Carlos Cirilo, and in his absence Ms. Michelle Bishop, (CANSO), to

participate as Observer during the 235th Session of the Council's consideration in closed session, of items related to aviation safety and security, as appropriate.

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