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## **COUNCIL — 235TH SESSION**

### **NINTH MEETING**

**(COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2025 AT 1000 HOURS)**

### **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

#### **OPEN MEETING**

#### **Draft Assembly Working Paper – Aviation Safety and Air Navigation Key Initiatives and Activities**

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15711, which presented an overview of the key initiatives and activities in the areas of aviation safety and air navigation over the next triennium 2026-2028, in line with the ICAO Strategic Plan 2026-2050 and Business Plan 2026-2028. The working paper also identified safety trends, and highlighted the ongoing and future work to address associated risks.

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15711, particularly with respect to the safety trends, and the work being undertaken by the Organization to support Members States and the industry in assessing and mitigating associated risks; and
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15711, subject to the modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration of this item being reflected, namely to:
  - i. revise action a) of the Executive Summary to note the priority of aviation safety as indicated in the ICAO Strategic Plan 2026 – 2050;
  - ii. align the wording of action b) of the Executive Summary with the relevant outcomes of the 14th Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/14) (Doc 10129, Recommendation 1.1/1 refers);
  - iii. clarify the wording of action c) of the Executive Summary;
  - iv. update paragraph 1.2 to refer specifically to the Strategic Goal of zero fatalities, in the context of the ICAO Strategic Plan 2026 – 2050;
  - v. reinforce the text in paragraph 2.6 on GNSS RFI and conflict zones, consistent with the language used in other Assembly working papers addressing these issues;
  - vi. amend paragraph 2.8 to incorporate a recommendation encouraging Member States to submit the results of preliminary accident investigation reports within four weeks with a view to enhancing safety;
  - vii. refer to the safety risks posed by human factors, as well as space weather events, where appropriate under section 2;
  - viii. update paragraph 6.1 to also refer to the loss of expertise within the Secretariat; and

- c) in doing so, delegated authority to the President to thereafter approve the revised working paper on its behalf for subsequent submission to the 42nd Session of the Assembly.

### **Expectations for and qualities of the President of the Air Navigation Commission for the 2026-2028 ANC mandate**

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15704, which, in accordance with the Guidelines set out in paragraph 4 of Appendix D to the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559/11), presented the Air Navigation Commission's views on what is expected of its future President during the ANC's new three-year mandate (2026-2028), the major tasks to be performed and the main qualities needed by its future President in that context.

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the timeline anticipated for the upcoming appointment of the President of the ANC, as contained in paragraph 1.2 of C-WP/15704, and in doing so recalled its earlier decision to set 27 October 2025 as the deadline for the submission by Member States of nominations for membership on the ANC for its new three-year mandate (2026-2028) (C-DEC 235/5, refers);
- b) accepted the Commission's recommendations as indicated in paragraph 3.1 of C-WP/15704, which it would take into consideration when appointing the President of the ANC (P/ANC) during the 2026-2028 mandate; and
- c) emphasized the importance, in the future work of the ANC, of pursuing a more progressive and comprehensive integration of cross-cutting areas, including cybersecurity, into its work programme, in order to support the evolving needs of global aviation.

### **Approval of the draft ICAO Position for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27)**

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15709, which presented the proposal of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) for the ICAO Position on items of interest to aviation which are included on the agenda of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 (WRC-27).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the ICAO Position for the ITU WRC-27 as contained in the Appendix to the working paper on the understanding that, prior to its finalization, the Summary of the Position would be updated to reflect the critical importance of protecting radio altimeters in the 4 200–4 400 MHz band, as set out under agenda item 1.7 of WRC-27, and that any further refinements would be considered by the President of the Council, in consultation with the President, ANC and Director, ANB, with any resulting updates to be submitted to the Council for approval;
- b) requested the Secretary General to submit to the WRC-27, in an appropriate format, the contents of the Appendix together with any additional supporting material from ICAO studies;

- c) further requested the Secretary General to issue a State letter transmitting the approved ICAO Position to States, international organizations and relevant regional telecommunications organizations, while also urging civil aviation authorities of Member States and other civil aviation stakeholders to participate in WRC-27, indicating the need for their active support in advance of, and during IWRC-27, including at the relevant meetings of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R);
- d) also requested the Secretary General to continue to ensure the availability of adequate resources and participation of ICAO Secretariat personnel in the ITU and regional preparatory groups leading to WRC-27, as well as during the Conference itself; and
- e) requested that a draft Assembly working paper be prepared by the Secretariat, highlighting the key elements contained in the ICAO Position and conveying the specific concerns of the Organization and the aviation sector in that respect, it being understood that the draft Assembly working paper would be considered by the Council at a subsequent meeting.

#### **ANC Work Programme for the 230th Session**

- 7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15710, which presented the proposed work programme for the 230th Session of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).
- 8. Following consideration, the Council:
  - a) approved the proposed ANC work programme for its 230th Session, as outlined in Appendix A of C-WP/15710, and the Session's opening and closing dates of 13 October 2025 and 28 November 2025, respectively, with a recess from 3 to 14 November 2025; and
  - b) took note of the planned items for the 231st and 232nd Sessions, as outlined in Appendices B and C of C-WP/15710, respectively.

#### **Draft Assembly Working Paper - Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) initiative**

- 9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15733, which presented a draft Assembly working paper which provided a progress report on the activities relating to ICAO's Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) Programme. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).
- 10. Following consideration, the Council:
  - a) welcomed the initiative taken by the Secretariat to revitalize the NGAP programme, and reaffirmed that the NGAP programme was a key enabler of ICAO's long-term Strategic Goals and essential to building a resilient, future-ready aviation workforce;
  - b) requested that the Secretariat take stock of all the relevant activities being conducted under the NGAP, including initiatives such as the Model ICAO Forum, it being understood that better integration and alignment of these initiatives would ensure greater coherence across the Organization's activities in this regard, while also enhancing the impact of the programme;

- c) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15733 for publication, subject to the amendments of the COG being incorporated; and
- d) noted that a revised final Assembly working paper incorporating the results of the upcoming NGAP Summit, to be held in Durban, South Africa from 12 to 14 August 2025, would be circulated to the Council Representatives for further consideration and approval, in accordance with the written procedure outlined in Appendix J of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, and subsequently submitted to the 42nd Session of the Assembly.

### **Establishment of an ICAO Global Ambassadors Programme**

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15738, which presented a proposal relating to the establishment of the ICAO Global Ambassadors Programme. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its gratitude to the Small Group on Gender (SGG) as well as the Small Group on the on the Social Dimension of Sustainability in Civil Aviation for their important guidance and contributions in support of the development of the proposed Global Ambassadors Programme;
- b) acknowledging the Programme's potential transformative impact on all groups and the public at large with regard to the aviation industry, approved the establishment of the ICAO Global Ambassadors Programme, subject to the following amendments being reflected by the Secretariat:
  - i. the provisions relating to the renewal of Ambassadors and Champions should be aligned to ensure both include "a review by the ICAO Secretariat and a recommendation by the nominating entity" as a prerequisite for renewal under both categories; and
  - ii. the provisions relating to the termination of designation under both categories of Ambassadors and Champions should be aligned to ensure that, in addition to other stipulated circumstances warranting a termination, the nominating State could propose termination of the designation in consultation with ICAO.

### **Development of a Code of Conduct for Delegations to ICAO**

13. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15743, which pursuant to C-DEC 223/10, C-DEC 231/7 and C-DEC 234/6, presented a proposed Code of Conduct for Delegations to be adopted in the context of ICAO events, including the upcoming 42nd ICAO Assembly, as well as set out a possible approach for the developing a Code of Conduct for the staff of Delegations to ICAO.

14. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted, with appreciation, the efforts undertaken by the Committee on Governance (COG) to explore the development of a Code of Conduct for the staff of Delegations to ICAO, and in that connection, agreed to proceed on the basis of the two-phased

approach put forward by the COG in this regard;

- b) agreed, as part of phase one, to adopt the “Code of Conduct for the Prevention of Harassment, including Sexual Harassment” as appended to C-WP/15743 to be applied to all ICAO events, with immediate effect; and
- c) invited the COG to continue to explore options regarding a Code of Conduct for the staff of Delegations to ICAO, with a view to providing guidance on recommended standards of behaviour, as well as in relation to interaction between Delegations and the ICAO Secretariat (C-DEC 223/10 refers), and to present a proposal to the Council in this regard at a future Session.

**Draft Assembly working paper – Work Programme of the Organization in the legal field**

15. The Council commenced its consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15740, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on the ongoing work of the Organization in the legal field, as well as developments and relevant decisions taken since the last Assembly with respect to items on the Work Programme of the Legal Committee.

16. Due to time constraints, the Council agreed to resume its further deliberations on this item at a subsequent meeting of the current Session.

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