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COUNCIL — 235TH SESSION

FOURTEENTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY 2025 AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Draft Assembly working paper –Draft Budget of the Organization for 2026, 2027 and 2028

1. The Council resumed its consideration of this item (C-DEC 235/13, refers) on the basis of C-WP/15696, as well as the oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC).
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) expressed its sincere appreciation to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the FIC, together with the Secretariat, for their tremendous efforts throughout the budget preparation process, and commended their transparent and inclusive approach in carrying out their consultations;
 - b) approved the following actions as contained in C-WP/15696:
 - i. transfer CAD 4.0 million to the Operational Reserve, as outlined in paragraph 4.10 of C-WP/15696;
 - ii. use CAD 4.0 million of the Operational Reserve as one of the funding sources for the Draft Budget of the Organization for 2026-2027-2028, as outlined in paragraph 4.10 of C-WP/15696;
 - iii. rename the Operational Reserve to Special Purpose Reserve as explained in paragraph 4.11 of C-WP/15696; and
 - iv. establish the Strategic Fund, as outlined in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 of C-WP/15696;
 - c) also approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15696 on the Draft Budget of the Organization for 2026-2027-2028, including the draft Assembly Resolution, as amended by the FIC and attached to its oral report, and as further amended by the Council and appended to the present decision, for submission to the 42nd Session of the Assembly, on the understanding that the Council's Message on the Budget of the Organization would be circulated to the Council for approval under written procedure in due course;
 - d) further approved a proposed target of CAD 10.5 million for the new Strategic Fund, as an unearmarked Fund, established only as a transitional and exceptional measure, and to be funded solely by voluntary contributions;

- e) emphasized that in the course of the forthcoming triennium, and in advance of the preparation of the 2029-2030-2031 Budget, the Council would continue its work related to ensuring the long-term financial sustainability and viability of the Organization, including further efficiency improvements; and
- f) requested that the Council's Message on the Budget of the Organization make reference to the UN80¹ initiative, as well as the relevant supplementary role of other funding sources, such as the Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) Fund, the Ancillary Revenue Generation Fund (ARGF), and voluntary contributions including in-kind contributions.

Draft Assembly working paper under Agenda Item 23 of the Technical Commission relating to Global Aviation Safety and Air Navigation Plans: Endorsement of the updated Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP)

3. The Council commenced its consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15707, which presented a proposal for the 2026–2028 edition of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP, Doc 10004) and a related draft Assembly working paper which included proposed revisions to Assembly Resolution A41-6: *ICAO global planning for safety and air navigation*.

4. In light of the substantive discussions on the content of the draft Assembly working paper, the Council agreed to suspend its consideration of this item on the understanding that the Council would resume its discussion at a subsequent meeting of the current Session.

Draft Assembly working paper under Agenda Item 23 of the Technical Commission regarding a comprehensive strategy for air navigation: Endorsement of the eighth edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP)

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15708, which presented the eighth edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750) and a related draft Assembly working paper which included proposed revisions to Assembly Resolution A41-6: *ICAO global planning for safety and air navigation*, specifically relating to GANP.

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the eighth edition of the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP, Doc 9750), as presented in C-WP/15708;
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15708, for submission to the 42nd Session of the Assembly under Agenda Item 23 of the Technical Commission;
- c) noted the updates to the GANP at the global strategic and technical levels, including the enhanced focus on environment and resilience, the integration of the new entrants and artificial intelligence, and the strengthened alignment with the ICAO Strategic Plan 2026–2050;
- d) noted the ongoing developments at the regional and national levels, including the web-

¹ The UN 80 Initiative, launched by United Nations Secretary-General, aims to modernize the United Nations' structures and operations as it celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2025, focusing on improving efficiency and responsiveness to global challenges

based solution for regional air navigation plans and the development of templates and guidance for national air navigation plans; and

- e) noted the proposed focus for the ninth edition of the GANP on providing greater stability and improved guidance to States and stakeholders, and, in this connection, underlined the importance of prioritizing implementation aspects and simplifying the presentation of the GANP to enhance its usability and effectiveness.

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

7. The Council resumed consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15740 (C-DEC 235/9, refers).

8. Following consideration, the Council approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15740, subject to the inclusion of a reference underlining the importance of accelerating the progress of work related to Article 12 of the Chicago Convention, and 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.

Draft Assembly working paper – Promotion of ratification of international air law instruments

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15741, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on the ongoing work of the Organization in the promotion of international air law instruments since the last Assembly.

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15741, for subsequent submission to the 42nd Session of the Assembly; and
- b) emphasized the importance of promoting the ratification of international air law instruments, including the *Protocol Relating to an amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation*, signed at Montreal on 29 September 1995 [Final Paragraph, Arabic Text] and the *Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation*, signed at Montreal on 1 October 1998 [Final Paragraph, Chinese Text].

International interests in mobile equipment (Aircraft equipment)

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15739, which reported on the outcome of the Eleventh Meeting of the Commission of Experts of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry (CESAIR), and presented for approval proposed changes to the *Regulations and Procedures for the International Registry* (Doc 9864).

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the of the information contained in C-WP/15739, particularly the rationale provided by the Registrar for the proposed changes to the *Regulations and Procedures for the International Registry* (Doc 9864); and
- b) approved the proposed amendments to the Regulations and Procedures recommended by CESAIR, including the consequential/editorial proposed changes by the Secretariat, as contained in Appendix C to the working paper.

Draft Assembly working paper – Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families

13. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15720, which presented a draft Assembly working paper reporting on developments pertaining to assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families since the last Assembly, including the outcomes of the Second ICAO Symposium on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families (AAAVF 2024), proposed priorities and expected outcomes for the next triennium, as well as proposed revision to ICAO Assembly Resolution A41-14. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

14. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the draft Assembly working paper appended to C-WP/15720, subject to the amendments of the ATC being incorporated, and as further modified by the Council over the course of its deliberations, namely, to make the text of preambular clause 5 of the Assembly Resolution more prominent within the Resolution, as appended to the current decision, for submission to the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly;
- b) welcomed the proposed amendment to Assembly Resolution A41-14 and emphasized its importance to ICAO's policy in the area of facilitation, particularly in enhancing the implementation of Annex 9 provisions related to assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families;
- c) recognized the continuing challenges faced by many Member States in implementing relevant Annex 9 provisions, and encouraged the Secretariat to provide further support through training, implementation tools, regional seminars, and promotion of the ratification of the Montreal Convention 1999 (MC99); and
- d) encouraged continued engagement with the Air Crash Victims Families Federation International (ACVFFI) in the development of related policy and guidance material.

Schedule of Council meetings

15. It was noted that an additional meeting of the Council would be held on Thursday, 3 July 2025 in the morning at 1100 hours.

APPENDIX A

MODIFICATIONS AGREED BY THE COUNCIL TO THE ASSEMBLY WORKING PAPER ATTACHED TO C-WP/15696

The following changes consolidate the amendments agreed by the Council following its consideration of C-WP/15696 and associated oral report from the Finance Committee thereon. Amendments are reflected in grey-shading/strikeout.

Draft Budget of the Organization for 2026-2027-2028

[...]

Draft Resolution for Adoption By the 42nd Session of the Assembly

[...]

B. *The Assembly*, with respect to the **Regular Budget**³:

Resolves that: [...]

Requests the Council to continue its work towards the long-term financial sustainability and viability of the Organization, and report the outcome to the next ordinary session of the Assembly.

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APPENDIX B

MODIFICATIONS AGREED BY THE COUNCIL TO THE ASSEMBLY WORKING PAPER ATTACHED TO C-WP/15720

The following changes consolidate the amendments agreed by the Council following its consideration of C-WP/15720 and associated oral report from the Air Transport Committee (ATC) thereon. Amendments are reflected in grey-shading/strikeout, and in green for text moved.

Draft Assembly Working Paper - Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families (CWP/15720)

[...]

1.6 The contribution of ACVFFI and its Associations has been essential to support and contribute to the work of the experts of the Working Group on AAASF of the Facilitation Panel (FALP) ~~to develop~~, and in the development of the main regulations of this matter policies such as the Doc 9998, ICAO Policy on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families, Doc 9973, Manual on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families, the inclusion of relevant Protocol Questions in the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA) and the upgrading of Recommended Practice 8.46 to Standard 8.47 ~~and the Recommendation 8.46~~ of Annex 9, among others.

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APPENDIX B

REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE SECOND SYMPOSIUM ON ASSISTANCE TO AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES

[...]

1.2 The Symposium was an in-person event co-organized by the Ministry of Water and Infrastructure and Water Management of ~~The the~~ Netherlands in cooperation with ICAO. It provided a platform for States, aviation experts, regulators, international organizations and associations representing victims and their families to discuss critical issues concerning support for aircraft accident victims and their families. The sessions focused on key themes, including victims' and families' advocacy and support, crisis management, the implementation and oversight of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), policy and guidance, improvements in accident investigation, insurance and compensation, and protocols for family assistance. The Symposium agenda covered several sessions, including:

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APPENDIX C

~~A41-14~~Resolution 42/xx: Assistance to victims of aviation accidents and their families

[...]

Recalling the adoption of Amendment 29 to ICAO Annex 9 — *Facilitation* which has elevated Recommended Practice 8.46 to Standard 8.47, thus obliging States to establish legislation, regulations and/or policies in support of assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families;

Recognizing the importance of the Council's decision to officially designate 20 February as the International Day for Commemorating Air Crash Victims and their Families in remembering the victims and expressing solidarity with their families, as well as continuing to enhance aviation safety and prevent such tragedies from happening in the future;

Acknowledging the approval by the Council of the *ICAO Policy on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families* (Doc 9998) in March 2013 and the issuance of the *Manual on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families* (Doc 9973) in December 2013;

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