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COUNCIL — 235TH SESSION

FIFTEENTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, THURSDAY, 3 JULY AT 1100 AND 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Draft Assembly working paper – Ongoing Work Related to Conflict Zones and Obligations of Member States

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15714 Revision No. 1, which pursuant to C-DEC 234/2, presented a draft Assembly working paper emphasizing the critical importance of mitigating risks to civil aviation over and near conflict zones, as well as the need for concerted efforts to address such risks. The working paper also included an associated draft Assembly Resolution appended for adoption by the Assembly. The Council also had for consideration oral reports thereon from the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) (Revision No.1) and the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information contained in C-WP/15714 Revision No. 1, as well as the comments raised by the ANC and the ASC in their respective oral reports thereon;
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15714 Revision No. 1, as revised by the ASC and appended to its oral report, together with the comments of the ANC also being incorporated, and subject to the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration of this item being reflected, namely to:
 - i. amend operative paragraph 2 to read: *Reaffirms* that every State must refrain from resorting to the use of weapons against civil aircraft in flight as reflected in Article 3 *bis* of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*;
 - ii. amend operative paragraph 4 to replace ‘preventive’ with ‘appropriate’; and
- c) noting the need for dedicated resources to support the Organization’s ongoing work in this area, invited the Secretariat to explore opportunities to mobilize resources in this regard.

Draft Assembly Working Paper – GNSS RFI

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15712, which presented a draft Assembly working paper outlining the risks and potential consequences of global navigation satellite system (GNSS) radio frequency interference (RFI). The paper also reported on the actions and mitigation measures being progressed by ICAO, as well as the status of implementation of Assembly Resolution 41-8, *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies and practices related to a global air traffic management (ATM) system and communications, navigation and surveillance/air traffic management (CNS/ATM) systems*, Appendix C, *Ensuring the resilience of ICAO CNS/ATM systems and services*.

4. Following consideration, the Council approved the draft Assembly working paper attached thereto, subject to the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration of this item being reflected, 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 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) (in continuation)

5. The Council resumed its consideration of this item (C-DEC 235/14, refers) 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*.

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the 2026–2028 edition of the Global Aviation Safety Plan (GASP, Doc 10004), as presented in Appendix A to C-WP/15707;
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper contained in Appendix B to C-WP/15707, for submission to the 42nd Session of the Assembly under Agenda Item 23 of the Technical Commission, subject to the modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration of this item being reflected;
- c) welcomed the revisions to the GASP goals and targets, including updates addressing global high-risk categories of occurrences and enhancements to regional and national aviation safety planning, consistent with Assembly Resolution A41-6;
- d) encouraged continued coordination with States, regional safety oversight organizations, international organizations, and industry to ensure the effective implementation of the GASP through regional and national aviation safety plans;
- e) emphasized the importance of early engagement by the Council in the preparation of subsequent editions of the GASP, including coordination, as appropriate, with preparations for updates to the Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP) and the Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP), supported by a regular mechanism of reporting to the Council safety trends to inform the development of future editions of the GASP; and
- f) consistent with the structure of the draft Assembly working paper on the GASP,

requested that the Secretariat update the Assembly working paper, *Consolidated Statement on Continuing ICAO Policies Related to Aviation Security*, in order to include Doc 10118, *Global Aviation Security Plan (GASeP)* as an appendix thereto.

Approval of Draft Assembly working paper under Agenda Item 24 of the Technical Commission regarding support of the ICAO Policy on Radio Frequency (RF) Spectrum Matters

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15753, which pursuant to C-DEC 235/9, presented a draft Assembly working paper outlining the current radio frequency (RF) spectrum challenges and the need for civil aviation authorities of States and related aviation industry, to engage actively in the preparations of State radio regulatory authorities for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC), both in the lead-up to and during the Conference. In doing so, the Council agreed to waive the requirement in Rule 26 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, given that the working paper had not been made available at least 5 working days before the present meeting.

8. Following consideration, the Council approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15753, subject to the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration of this item being reflected, 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.

ICAO Small Group Oversight and Conduct

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15748 presented by the United States, which provided recommendations relating to the governance and working methods of Council Small Group. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed appreciation to the United States for its presentation of C-WP/15748, which had made important observations regarding the governance and oversight of Council Small Groups;
- b) recognized the benefits of the Council Small Groups and their valuable contributions to the work of the Council, while acknowledging that there is a need to adopt a more structured and standardized approach to support the effective governance and oversight of the Small Groups;
- c) agreed that potential resource implications for both the Secretariat and Council Delegations should also be taken into consideration when establishing Small Groups, on the understanding that while a flexible approach should be maintained with respect to the provision of administrative support to each Small Group, the administrative requirements on the Secretariat should be limited, where possible;
- d) agreed to pursue the development of a consolidated framework, on the basis of the recommendations contained in paragraph 3.4 of C-WP/15748 and taking into account the comments of the Committee on this respect, with a view to enhancing the management and overall efficiency of the work of the Small Groups, and as a first step in this regard, requested that the existing information relating to, *inter alia*, the

establishment, role, responsibilities and membership of the Small Groups be made more visible and readily accessible, including through the Council Secure Portal; and

- e) invited the Committee on Governance to continue the work to advance the development of the consolidated framework, with a view to presenting a proposal to the Council at a future Session.

Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 236th Session

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15703, which presented the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 236th Session. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the work programme of the Council and its Committees for the 236th Session as contained in C-WP/15703, subject to the amendments agreed by the COG being incorporated, including the revised dates of the Committee phase;
- b) requested that the Secretariat ensure that the scheduling of future Council Sessions avoid school holidays to the extent possible;
- c) 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; and
- d) take note of the proposed list of items to be shared for information, as reflected in Appendix B of the COG oral report.

Any other business

13. The Council noted with appreciation the information presented by the Secretary General on the activities of the ICAO Contingency Coordination Teams (CCT), particularly the work of the CCT for the MID region in light of recent developments in that region. The Council recognized the proactive efforts of the Secretariat to develop an ICAO Crisis Preparedness and Response Framework to enhance crisis management capacity in both Member States and the Organization, it being understood that the Council would continue to be kept apprised of progress in this regard.

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