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COUNCIL — 235TH SESSION

SIXTEENTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 4 JULY 2025 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Draft Assembly working paper – *Unannounced missile launches by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea*

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15751, which pursuant to C-DEC 235/7, presented a draft Assembly working paper containing an update regarding Assembly Resolution A41-3, *Unannounced missile launches by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea* adopted by the Assembly during its 41st Session in 2022.

2. Following consideration, the Council approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15751, subject to the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration of this item being reflected, namely to:

- a) amend the action in the Executive Summary of the Assembly working paper to add “, and to restate that Assembly Resolution A41-3 remains in force, as attached to this working paper, and urge the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to take appropriate action to remedy the situation”;
- b) amend paragraph 3.1 of the Assembly working paper to add “, and as such to restate that Assembly Resolution A41-3 remains in force, as attached to this working paper, and urge the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea to take appropriate action to remedy the situation”; and
- c) to append the text of Assembly Resolution A41-3 to the Assembly working paper.

Draft Assembly working paper – *Infraction of the Convention on International Civil Aviation by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea*

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15752, which, pursuant to C-DEC 235/7, presented a draft Assembly working paper reporting on recurring incidents of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) originating from the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), recalling that such interference had been determined by the Council to constitute an infraction of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* (Chicago Convention), and containing a draft Assembly Resolution *Infraction of the Convention on International Civil Aviation by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea*.

4. Following consideration, the Council approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15752 for subsequent submission to the 42nd Session of the Assembly pursuant to Article 54 k) of the Convention.

Draft Assembly working paper – *Infractions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation by the Russian Federation*

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15750, which pursuant to C-DEC 235/7, presented a draft Assembly working paper containing an update regarding Assembly Resolution A41-2, *Infractions of the Convention on International Civil Aviation by the Russian Federation* adopted by the Assembly during its 41st Session in 2022.

6. Following consideration, the Council approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15750, subject to the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration of this item being reflected, namely to:

- a) amend the action in the Executive Summary of the Assembly working paper to add “, and to restate that Assembly Resolution A41-2 remains in force, as attached to this working paper, and urge the Russian Federation to take appropriate action to remedy the situation”;
- b) amend paragraph 3.1 of the Assembly working paper to add “, and as such to restate that Assembly Resolution A41-2 remains in force, as attached to this working paper, and urge the Russian Federation to take appropriate action to remedy the situation”; and
- c) to append the text of Assembly Resolution A41-2 to the Assembly working paper.

Draft Assembly working paper – *Infraction of the Convention on International Civil Aviation by the Republic of Belarus*

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15749, which pursuant to C-DEC 235/7, presented a draft Assembly working paper containing an update regarding Assembly Resolution A41-1, *Infraction of the Convention on International Civil Aviation by the Republic of Belarus* adopted by the Assembly during its 41st Session in 2022.

8. Following consideration, the Council approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15749, subject to the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration of this item being reflected, namely to:

- a) amend the action in the Executive Summary of the Assembly working paper to add “, and to restate that Assembly Resolution A41-1 remains in force, as attached to this working paper, and urge Belarus to take appropriate action to remedy the situation”;
- b) amend paragraph 3.1 of the Assembly working paper to add “, and as such to restate that Assembly Resolution A41-1 remains in force, as attached to this working paper, and urge Belarus to take appropriate action to remedy the situation”; and
- c) to append the text of Assembly Resolution A41-1 to the Assembly working

paper.

Cost Recovery for the Provision of Space Weather Information Services

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15722, which presented an overview of the responses received from ICAO Member States following State Letter Ref. AN 10/1 – 25/38 concerning preferences for a global cost recovery mechanism for Space Weather Information Services (SWIS), and on that basis, provided recommendations for the next steps. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC), and in doing so, agreed to waive the requirement in Rule 26 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, given that the oral report of the ATC had not been made available at least three working days before the present meeting.

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information contained in C-WP/15722, and in particular that the responses from States revealed divergent views on the establishment of a global cost recovery mechanism for SWIS;
- b) agreed that, in light of the current absence of consensus among Member States on the way forward, no further work on a global cost recovery mechanism should be undertaken at this time;
- c) requested the Secretariat to prepare, for consideration by the Council during the current session, a draft Assembly working paper summarizing the outcome of the consultation process and the Council's deliberations on this matter;
- d) agreed to the amendments proposed by the Secretariat to the *Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies in the Air Transport Field*, to reflect the Council's current position regarding a cost recovery mechanism for SWIS; and
- e) agreed, based on the lessons learned, to reconvene on the matter during the 236th Session with the objective of urgently reviewing, with the support of the Air Navigation Commission, the decision taken in C-DEC 215/7 dated 13 November 2018 concerning the designation of provider States of space weather information, considering also the possible implications on the recently adopted Amendment 82 to Annex 3 (C-DEC 234/14 dated 2 April 2025), it being understood that this review would seek to identify the next steps that will support the continued provision of space weather information services.

Request by Venezuela to consider the letter from the Interstate Aviation Committee regarding the expansion of unilateral restrictive measures

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Secretary General.

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information provided in the oral report;
- b) acknowledged the letter from the Interstate Aviation Committee (IAC) dated 19 June 2024, as circulated by the President of the Council on 25 July 2024 (PRES SS/3644),

noting that some of the matters raised therein could overlap with the issues pending before the Council under Article 84 of the Chicago Convention in the matter: *Settlement of differences - The Russian Federation and 37 Member States (2023)*;

- c) agreed that, without prejudice to the ongoing proceedings under Article 84 of the Chicago Convention in the matter: *Settlement of differences - The Russian Federation and 37 Member States (2023)*, the IAC may facilitate communication with the States concerned, with a view to clarifying which of the issues raised in the letter fall within the scope of the disagreement, and which may otherwise be addressed through other appropriate channels; and
- d) decided to remain seized of the matter.

Preparation of the *Call for Action* from the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP) Global Summit

13. The Council noted the proposal of the Chairperson of the Small Group on the Social Dimension to provide inputs to the Secretariat in the preparation of the *Call for Action* to be adopted by the NGAP Global Summit, to be held from 12 to 14 August 2025 in Durban, South Africa.

Farewell to the Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation

14. The Council bade farewell to Mr. Sylvain Lefoyer, the Deputy Director, Aviation Security and Facilitation (DD/ASF).

Scheduling of an additional Council meeting

15. The President informed the Council that the subsequent meeting of the current Session would be held on the afternoon of 2 September 2025.

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:

- *Report on Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau activities during 2024 and Update of the Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) Budget for 2025*
- *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for 2024 and Programme of Work for 2025*
- *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled "Flexible working arrangements in United Nations system organizations"*
- *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled "Review of the use of non-staff personnel and related contractual modalities in the United Nations system organizations"*
- *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled "Review of the quality, effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of health insurance schemes in the United Nations system organizations"*
- *Audit of the ICT Strategy and action plan 2022-2025 – Final Audit Results*
- *Audit of the process of technical segregation of e-mail accounts from ICAO Secretariat staff and Delegation - Phase 2*
- *New ERP System Implementation*
- *Performance audit regarding consultants at ICAO Headquarters*
- *Performance audit of Safety and Security Oversight Programs*

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:

- *Sessional Report of the Secretary General (235th Session)*
- *Annual Report on Publications 2024*
- *Financial Year 2024: Report on the Carry-over*
- *ICAO Financial Situation Report January to March 2025*
- *Progress Report on Enterprise Risk Management*
- *Progress Report on the Preparation for the Renovation Works of the EUR/NAT Regional Office Premises*
- *Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach. Analysis of Audit Results. Reporting period ending: 31 December 2024*

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