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COUNCIL — 235TH SESSION

EIGHTEENTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Welcome to a new Representative

1. The Council warmly welcomed the newly appointed Representative of Canada (Ms. Anna-Karine Asselin).

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

2. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15755, which pursuant to C-DEC 235/17, presented a draft Assembly working paper reporting on recurring incidents of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) originating from the territory of the Russian Federation, 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 Russian Federation*.

3. Following consideration, the Council approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15755 subject to the modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its consideration being reflected therein, namely to insert a new paragraph 2.8 to read, “Current information on safety reports provided by the civil aviation authorities of the affected States confirmed that GNSS RFI remains ongoing without interruption. The Russian Federation therefore failed to take appropriate action as of the date of this paper,” for subsequent submission to the 42nd Session of the Assembly, pursuant to Article 54 k) of the Chicago Convention.

Draft Assembly working paper – Cost Recovery for the Provision of Space Weather Information Services

4. The Council resumed consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15754, together with a revised draft Assembly working paper which had been circulated by e-mail to all Council Representatives on Friday, 5 September 2025, reflecting the amendments proposed by the Council over the course of its deliberations on this item (C-DEC 235/17, refers). The Council also had for consideration a subsequent version of the draft Assembly working paper which had been revised to consolidate additional amendments following further informal consultations among Council Representatives, and which had been circulated by the Representative of Singapore to the Council on Tuesday, 9 September 2025.

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the revised draft Assembly working paper as amended by the Secretariat and subsequent consultations among Council Representatives, subject to the additional

modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its further consideration of this item being reflected, namely to include the following text at the end of the first sentence in paragraph 4.3 “[...] while some States requested extensions or clarifications and others proposed alternative options [...],” 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; and

- b) reiterated the decision taken by the Council during the 16th meeting of the 235th Session to undertake a comprehensive review to address the relevant elements of C-DEC 215/7, at the 236th Session (C-DEC 235/16 refers).

Any other business

Establishment of an ICAO Innovation Award

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report from the Chairperson of the Small Group on Innovation (SGI), which pursuant to C-DEC 234/7, presented the results of the work undertaken by the SGI to consider options for establishing an ICAO innovation award, including the feasibility of granting such an award and possible evaluation criteria.

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its appreciation to the SGI and its Chairperson for their efforts to advance the work on the establishment of a possible ICAO innovation award, including the development of two options for consideration by the Council;
- b) requested the SGI, with the support of the Secretariat, to further refine the concept of a “Celebration of Innovation,” in lieu of an ICAO innovation award, on the basis of the proposal outlined by the Small Group in its oral report, taking into account financial implications, funding options, and possible risk-mitigation measures; and
- c) invited the SGI to present a detailed concept note for the “Celebration of Innovation,” for consideration by the Council at a future Session, and in doing so, acknowledged that the item relating to the establishment of an ICAO innovation award would in consequence, be removed from the work programme of the Council and its committees for the 236th Session.

Update on the status of arrangements for the 42nd Session of the Assembly

8. The Council took note of the additional information presented by the Secretariat and the President of the Council with respect to the practical arrangements for the upcoming 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly. It was also noted that the Secretariat was in the process of revising the schedule for consideration of items during the Assembly, as well as the provision of access badges. With respect to Assembly working paper A42-WP/93, to be presented by the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Council further agreed that the President would transmit a letter to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, with the minutes of Council meeting 234/13 of 1 April 2025 attached.

Farewell to Council Representatives

9. The Council bade farewell to the Representatives of Austria, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Chile, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Iceland, Jamaica, Mauritania, Romania, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Zimbabwe.