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## COUNCIL — 236TH SESSION

### SIXTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER AT 1000 HOURS )

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

#### CLOSED MEETING

*Not available*

#### OPEN MEETING

#### **Request by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to join COSCAP-NA Programme**

5. Recalling the decision taken on this subject at its previous meeting (C-DEC 236/5, refers), the Council noted the intention of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to deliver an oral statement, on the grounds of their special interest in the matter. However, as the Representatives of the DPRK were unable to connect to the Council meeting remotely due to technical issues, as was the case on 19 November 2025, it was agreed that the statement would be circulated in writing to Council Members and reproduced as an Appendix to the minutes of this meeting.

#### **Provision of Space Weather Information Services**

6. The Council resumed consideration of this item on the basis of the draft text of the Council decision, as circulated by the President of the Council by e-mail, dated 20 November 2025.

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted the information provided in C-WP/15774 regarding the establishment of the global space weather information service, including the technical provisions, designation of global and regional SWXCs, the service framework, as well as the observations of the ANC as reflected in its oral report;
- b) acknowledged the outcome of the 42nd Assembly on this matter, in line with the decision taken by the Council during the 235th Session (C-DEC 235/16, refers), and confirmed that no further work on a global cost recovery mechanism should be undertaken;
- c) also acknowledged that the existing service framework and the designation of space weather centres, featuring a coordinated network of designated global and regional centres, deliver a single, harmonized service that is a cornerstone for ensuring the reliability, accuracy, and timeliness of space weather information for the safety of

international aviation;

- d) further acknowledged that the inclusion of new global and regional centres is open to any service provider that fulfils the technical criteria established in coordination with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO); and
- e) requested the ANC to monitor the effectiveness of the global space weather information service in order to ensure that the service framework continues to function as intended, noting that, in view of the foregoing paragraph, an assessment of the optimal number of such centres, as foreseen in the 215th and 219th Sessions (C-DEC 215/7 and C-DEC 219/7, refers), is unnecessary.

### **Convening of the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legal Committee**

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15783, which presented a proposal for the convening of the 40th Session of the Legal Committee.

9. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the convening of the 40th Session of the Legal Committee from 26 to 30 October 2026, at ICAO Headquarters;
- b) further approved the Provisional Agenda for the 40th Session of the Legal Committee, as set out in Appendix A to C-WP/15783; and
- c) agreed that the invitation to attend the 40th Session of the Legal Committee be extended to all non-Contracting States, as well as those international organizations set out in Appendix B to C-WP/15783.

### **Update on the ICAO Roadmap for the implementation of the CAAF/3 outcomes and the LTAG**

10. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15778, which presented an update on the preliminary outcomes of the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly, as well as provided further information on the recent progress achieved under the four Building Blocks of the ICAO Roadmap. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

11. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) recalling the decisions taken by the 42nd Session of the Assembly, reaffirmed the importance of accelerating the evaluation and approval of new Sustainability Certification Schemes (SCS) for CORSIA eligible fuels (SAF and LCAF), and in that connection, welcomed the ongoing efforts by one of the eligible SCS to expand the scope of its eligibility to include LCAF, as well as the importance of ongoing work of CAEP relating to the accelerated analysis and approval of life cycle values for new fuel sources and pathways, and their sustainability certification, and its undertaking of a study on fuel accounting systems for international aviation, which entails consideration of all fuels (SAF and LCAF);
- b) recognized the importance of accelerating implementation support and financing for aviation decarbonization and sustainability development measures, including through the operationalization of the ICAO ACT-LTAG programme; and facilitating access to financing to close the financial gap;
- c) recalling the Assembly's request for the Council to continue to monitor and update the

ICAO Roadmap as a living document, while progressing the four interdependent Building Blocks in balanced, monitored and transparent manner, requested the Secretariat to provide an updated ICAO Roadmap for the implementation of the CAAF/3 outcomes and the LTAG, taking into account the decisions made by the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly as well as the relevant outcomes of UNFCCC COP 30, and highlighting priorities and resources needed, for consideration by the Council at its 237th Session; and

- d) recognizing the cross-cutting nature of the Organization's work to implement the CAAF/3 outcomes and the LTAG, requested the Secretariat to report on all activities being undertaken under the ICAO Roadmap, including the provision of assistance to Member States under the ACT-SAF across the different phases of this support, and in that connection, agreed that an informal briefing on the updated ICAO Roadmap should be organized during the 237th Session.

### **Update on the work on the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA)**

12. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15779, which presented an update on the work undertaken on the implementation of CORSIA since last considered by the Council during the 235th Session, including the preliminary outcomes of the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

13. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted the information provided in C-WP/15779, particularly with respect to the progress made on all aspects of CORSIA implementation, while welcoming the increase in the number of CORSIA volunteer States, as well as the growing number of States reporting data through the CORSIA Central Registry;
- b) acknowledged, with appreciation, Canada's support to five additional States under the ICAO ACT-CORSIA Buddy Partnerships, while also extending its gratitude to all 16 States providing experts to the partnerships;
- c) noted that an expedited written approval procedure had been applied, on an exceptional basis and without setting a precedent, to seek the Council's approval of the update of two ICAO documents on CORSIA eligible fuels, namely, "CORSIA default life cycle emissions values for CORSIA eligible fuels" and "CORSIA methodology for calculating actual life cycle emissions values" in order to address the request arising from CAAF/3 and Assembly Resolution A42-21, and in that regard, noted that in the absence of comments to the email circulated to Council Representatives, dated 12 November 2025, the Council had approved the proposed amendments, and which would be subsequently published on the ICAO public website; and
- d) invited CAEP to accelerate its analysis and approval of life cycle values for new fuel sources and pathways, and their sustainability certification, in order to address the request by CAAF/3 and Assembly Resolution A41-21 to globally scale up the development and deployment of SAF, LCAF and other aviation cleaner energies.

### **Environmental protection – Recent developments in ICAO and other United Nations bodies and international organizations**

14. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15777, which presented an update on environmental activities in ICAO and other United Nations (UN) bodies and international organizations, including ICAO's participation in the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP 30) to the United Nations

Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

15. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted the information provided in C-WP/15777, as well as the oral update presented by the Secretariat on ICAO's participation at the UNFCCC COP 30, including on outcomes and decisions taken of particular relevance to aviation, it being understood that a comprehensive report would be presented to the Council during the 237th Session;
- b) further noted that the key ICAO messages to COP 30 had highlighted: the need to accelerate the global scale-up of SAF, LCAF and other aviation cleaner energies as per the ICAO agreements; progress in the robust CORSIA implementation and the need for governments to issue Letters of Authorization to facilitate the access and availability of CORSIA eligible emissions units; implementation support through the ICAO ACT-SAF programme; the launch of the ICAO Finvest Hub to facilitate financial access to aviation decarbonization projects; and a clear concern against aviation taxation; and
- c) while reiterating its strong concern regarding proposals identifying the aviation sector as a potential source for levies and taxes to mobilize climate finance for other sectors, recalled the discussion at the Assembly on this subject, during which ICAO Member States expressed an overwhelming concern regarding the increasing number of such proposals, recognizing that such initiatives would represent duplicative market-based measures leading to double-charging for aviation CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, thereby negatively impacting the implementation of CORSIA and in turn, LTAG, and in that connection, requested ICAO to continue to convey these concerns as part of its outreach efforts with Member States, as well as other United Nations entities and international organizations.

**Review of the Report of the Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/36) and the organization and agenda for the Thirty-seventh Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/37)**

16. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15770, which reported on the outcomes of the Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Aviation Security Panel (AVSECP/36), which was convened from 7 to 11 April 2025. The Council also had for consideration oral reports thereon from the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) and the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

17. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted the information contained in the AVSECP/36 Yellow Cover Report, taking into account the key outcomes of the AVSECP/36, as summarized in C-WP/15770, including the proposed draft Amendment 19 to Annex 17 – *Aviation Security* as contained in Appendix A of C-WP/15770, and in that connection, approved the relevant recommendations contained therein;
- b) welcomed the work undertaken of the Small Review Group (SRG) in conducting a preliminary review of the proposed amendment to Annex 9, in accordance with the newly adopted process for reviewing draft amendments to Annexes 9 – *Facilitation* and 17 – *Aviation Security*, and in doing so, noted the SRG's observations, as outlined in paragraph 3 of the ASC oral report;
- c) approved the circulation of the proposed Amendment 19 to Annex 17, as contained in Appendix A to C-WP/15770 to States and organizations for consultation, and as amended by the ASC regarding the definition of "human factors" and the removal of the definition of "human performance" until such time that this term is used in Annex 17;

- d) approved the convening of AVSECP/37 from 13 to 17 April 2026 based on the proposed agenda contained in Appendix B to C-WP/15770, as amended by the ASC and reflected in its oral report, in a hybrid format, to allow for wider participation by observers and other stakeholders, while strongly encouraging in-person attendance of Panel Members and their advisors;
- e) further approved the list of organizations to be invited as observers, as presented in Appendix C to C-WP/15770; and
- f) noted the Panel's work programme for the 2025-2026 period as presented in Appendix D to C-WP/15770, and in that connection, acknowledged the comments of the ANC which emphasized the need for a coordinated approach to address cross-cutting topics, including artificial intelligence and emerging security implications of technologies such as unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) and advanced air mobility (AAM), while taking into account the outcomes of the 42nd Session of the Assembly and the ongoing work across relevant expert groups.

#### **Any other business**

#### **Council working papers circulated under cover of a President memorandum**

18. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 18 November 2025 to the President's memoranda PRES SS/3768 and PRES SS/3803, each dated 12 November 2025, it is considered that the Council had approved the proposals contained in the following working papers:

- C-WP/15785 – *Proposal for Settlement of Arrears of Contributions by Dominica*
- C-WP/15786 – *Proposal for Settlement of Arrears of Contributions by São Tomé and Príncipe*

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