



C-DEC 236/9
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COUNCIL — 236TH SESSION

NINTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 28 NOVEMBER AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Appointment of the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)

1. Tabled for the Council's consideration was C-WP/15767, which presented the candidature of Mr. Frédéric Fachinan for the post of the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).
2. Taking into account that there was only one candidate for the post, the Council agreed unanimously to waive the requirement set forth in paragraph 1 of Appendix D to the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559/11), for a secret ballot to be held for the appointment of President of the ANC. Accordingly, and acting in accordance with Article 56 of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* and Rule 16 c) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, the Council then agreed to the proposal of the President of the Council to appoint Mr. Frédéric Fachinan as President of the ANC for a period of one year, commencing on 1 January 2026.

Farewell to Mr. Junrong Liang, outgoing President of the ANC

3. In bidding farewell to Mr. Junrong Liang, the President of the Council expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the Council, to Mr. Liang for having reinforced the collaboration between the Air Navigation Commission and the Council during his two consecutive terms as President of the ANC, and recognized the positive advancements made in the technical work of the Organization over the course of Mr. Liang's presidency.

Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 237th Session

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15764, which presented the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 237th Session. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).
5. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) approved the work programme of the Council and its Committees for the 237th Session as contained in C-WP/15764, as modified by the COG and reflected in its oral report, while recalling that the dates for the Committee and Council phases would be amended in accordance with the revised programme of meetings (C-DEC 236/8, refers), as follows:

- i. Committee Phase: 26 – 30 January 2026 and 9 – 20 February 2026; and
 - ii. Council Phase: 23 March – 2 April 2026;
- b) approved the list of proposed informal briefings, as modified by the COG and reflected in Appendix A of the COG oral report; and
- c) took note of the proposed list of items to be shared for information, as reflected in Appendix B of the COG oral report.

Farewell to Council Representatives

6. The Council bade farewell to the Representatives of Australia (Mr. Ross Adams), Qatar (Mr. Essa Al-Malki) and the United Kingdom (Mr. Andrew O’Henley).
7. The Council also bade farewell to the Alternate Representative of the Republic of Korea (Mr. Sangheon Lee).

Tributes to Council President

8. The Council, together with the Secretary General, bade farewell to the President of the Council, Mr. Salvatore Sciacchitano ahead of the conclusion of his term on 31 December 2025. In doing so, the Council expressed its profound appreciation through numerous tributes honouring his dedicated service.

9. Acting on a proposal by the Dean of the Council, the Representative of Mexico, to confer on President Sciacchitano the title of “Lifetime Goodwill Ambassador of ICAO”, the President of the Council requested the Representative of Singapore, in her capacity as First Vice-President of the Council, to preside over this segment of the meeting, given that the matter related to the President of the Council himself.

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted the tributes made by the Council to President Sciacchitano for his exceptional leadership over his two three-year terms, including during challenging periods such as the unprecedented global COVID-19 pandemic, as well as his outstanding contributions to the modernization of ICAO and the advancement of international civil aviation including through the long-term strategic plan for 2050 and the Long-Term Aspirational Goal of net-zero by 2050; and, in this regard, agreed unanimously by acclamation to confer upon President Sciacchitano the title of “Lifetime Goodwill Ambassador of ICAO”; and
- b) approved the preparation of a citation, to be developed by the three Vice-Presidents and the President-elect, based on the tributes made, for the Council’s approval by written procedure in accordance with Appendix J of the Rules of Procedure for the Council. The approved citation would thereafter be reproduced and presented to President Sciacchitano in due course.¹

11. The Council also conveyed its special appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Anna Maria Sciacchitano, in recognition of her unwavering support to the President of the Council, and her invaluable contributions to the ICAO community as President of the ICAO Spouses’ Club of Diplomats.

¹ The citation to be appended to this C-DEC upon approval by written procedure pursuant to Appendix J, notwithstanding the use of that procedure.

Solemn Declaration of the President-Elect and Gavel Ceremony

12. In taking his seat next to the President of the Council, the President-Elect, Mr. Toshiyuki Onuma, then delivered the following solemn declaration:

“I solemnly undertake to exercise in all loyalty, discretion and conscience, the functions entrusted to me as President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization; to discharge these functions to the best of my ability and to regulate my official conduct with the interest of the Organization alone in view; to abide by the rules laid down by the Organization; during the term of my service in the Organization, or following the termination of my service, not to disclose any information of a confidential nature; and not to seek or accept from any Government or other authority external to ICAO any instructions in regard to the discharge of my official responsibilities.”

13. The President of the Council then turned to pass the President’s gavel to the President-Elect, and in doing so, explained the gavel’s symbolic and historic significance to the Council and the Organization. He conveyed his full confidence in the President-Elect to lead the Council with vision and integrity, over the next triennium.

14. The President-Elect reiterated his gratitude to the Council for having entrusted him with the honour of the post of President of the Council and highlighted, once more, his commitment to active listening, working collaboratively and fostering consensus.

15. The President of the Council and President-Elect closed the meeting together, sharing the final strike of the gavel for the 236th Session.

16. It was understood that immediately following the meeting’s adjournment, the Council would be invited to the unveiling of the President of the Council’s portrait in the Council antechamber, followed by a *vin d’honneur*.

Any other business

Information items considered by Council Committees

17. 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:

- *Operating Plan for the Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau for the Period 2026 – 2028*
- *2025 Forecast for Extra-budgetary Funds*
- *Status of Implementation of Recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)*
- *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled “Review of consideration of and action taken on the reports and recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) by United Nations system organizations”*
- *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled “Budgeting in organizations of the United Nations System”*

Items circulated for information only

18. 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 (236th Session)*
- *ICAO Financial Situation Report January to June 2025*

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