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## **COUNCIL — 236TH SESSION**

### **FIRST MEETING**

**(COUNCIL CHAMBER, TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2025, AT 1430 HOURS)**

### **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

#### **OPEN MEETING**

##### **Opening of the session and welcome to new Representatives**

1. The President of the Council reiterated his gratitude to those Representatives who had served on the Council for the past three years and who had now left to assume other responsibilities.
2. In addition, on behalf of the Council, he welcomed the following newly-appointed Council Members: Mrs. Illasandra da Silva (Angola); Ms. Kennedy Carrillo (Belize); Mr. Mauricio Ramírez Koppel (Colombia); Mrs. Mercedes Vázquez González (Cuba); Mr. Henrik Ellermann (Denmark); Mr. Esteban Jabier Crespo Polo (Ecuador); Mr. Sidi Sadio Diallo (Mali); Mr. Mateusz Bączkowski (Poland); Ms. Helena Hallauer-Hess (Switzerland); Mr. John Wycliffe Kabbs Twijuke (Uganda); and Mr. Gustavo Álvarez Goyoaga (Uruguay).

##### **Familiarization briefing for new Council members**

3. The President of the Council provided an overview of the working methods of the Council, and the Secretary General presented the structure and work programme of the ICAO Secretariat focusing on means of communication between the Secretariat and the Council as well as on key Secretariat priorities. It was noted that recorded familiarization briefing videos from individual Bureaus, Offices and Regional Offices had been uploaded on the Council website for future reference.

##### **Elections by the Council**

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15762, which related to: the election of the three Vice-Presidents of the Council, and the Chairpersons of the Air Transport (ATC), Aviation Security (ASC), Climate and Environment (CEC), Finance (FIC), Joint Support (JSC), Technical Cooperation (TCC) and Relations with the Host Country (RHCC) Committees, as well as the Committees on Governance (COG) and Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP); in addition to the composition of these Committees. In this connection, Representatives had been invited to submit the names of Members and Alternates to serve on the various Council Committees in the President's memorandum PRES SS/3787 dated 1 October 2025.
5. For the purposes of electing the First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, as well as the Chairpersons of the Committees, the Council agreed to suspend paragraph 3 of Appendix B and that part

of paragraph 2 of Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559) related to the elections taking place by secret ballot unless waived by unanimous decision of the Members represented at the meeting.

6. On the nomination of the Representative of Equatorial Guinea, the Council elected the Representative of Singapore (Ms. Eileen Poh) as its First Vice-President, the Representative of the United Arab Emirates (Mr. Saeed Mohammad Al Suwaidi) as its Second Vice-President, and the Representative of Argentina (Mr. Gerardo Ezequiel Bompadre) as its Third Vice-President, for the period 2025-2026, with effect from the 236th Session, pursuant to Appendix B of its Rules of Procedure.

7. In electing the incoming Vice-Presidents, the Council expressed its appreciation to the three out-going Vice-Presidents: Mr. Estanislao Esono Anguesomo (Equatorial Guinea), Mr. Andrew O’Henley (United Kingdom) and Mr. Ross Adams (Australia).

8. Pursuant to Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), and the Special Provisions of the *Rules of Procedure for Standing Committees of the Council* (Doc 8146), the Council then:

- a) appointed the Members and Alternates of the JSC, FIC, ASC, TCC, CEC and the RHCC, as presented in the e-mail circulated by the President of the Council on 13 October 2025, for the period 2025-2026, with effect as from the 236th Session;
- b) appointed eight Members and Alternates to the CCEP, as listed in the e-mail circulated by the President of the Council on 13 October 2025, for the period 2025-2026, with effect as from the 236th Session, and in doing so, agreed to suspend that part of Rule 2 of Appendix B of the *Rules of Procedure for Standing Committees of the Council* (Doc 8146), which indicates that the CCEP shall consist of five Representatives on the Council, or in their absence, their Alternates; and
- c) noted that the composition of the ATC and COG consisted of Representatives of all Members of the Council or in their absence, their Alternates, for a period of three years, with effect as from the 236th Session of the Council.

9. Pursuant to Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), and the Special Provisions of the *Rules of Procedure for Standing Committees of the Council* (Doc 8146), the Council then elected the Chairpersons of the ATC, FIC, JSC, TCC, ASC, CEC, RHCC, COG and CCEP, for the period 2025-2026, with effect from the 236th Session, as follows:

- a) on the nomination of the Representative of Qatar, the Council elected the Representative of Spain (Mr. Ángel Luis Arias) as the Chairperson of the Air Transport Committee (ATC);
- b) on the nomination of the Representative of Germany, the Council elected the Representative of India (Mr. Angshumali Rastogi) as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee (FIC);
- c) on the nomination of the Representative of Denmark, the Council elected the Representative of Nigeria (Mr. Mahmoud Sani Ben Tukur) as the Chairperson of the Joint Support Committee (JSC);

- d) on the nomination of the Representative of Argentina, the Council elected the Representative of Saudi Arabia (Mr. Mohammed Sami S. Habib) as the Chairperson of the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Support Committee (TCC);
- e) on the nomination of the Representative of France, the Council elected the Representative of South Africa (Mr. Luvuyo Gqeke) as the Chairperson of the Aviation Security Committee (ASC);
- f) on the nomination of the Representative of Singapore, the Council elected the Representative of Mexico (Mr. Dionisio Méndez Mayora) as the Chairperson of the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC);
- g) on the nomination of the Representative of Italy, the Council elected the Representative of Uruguay (Mr. Gustavo Álvarez Goyoaga) as the Chairperson of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC);
- h) on the nomination of the Representative of the United Kingdom, the Council elected the Representative of Australia (Mr. Ross Adams) as the Chairperson of the Committee on Governance (COG); and
- i) on the nomination of the Representative of India, the Council elected the Representative of Germany (Mr. Heinz Decker) as the Chairperson of the Committee on Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP).

10. In electing the incoming Chairpersons of the Committees, the Council expressed, by acclamation, its appreciation to all the outgoing Chairpersons of the Committees.

11. In addition, the Council agreed that authority would be delegated to the President of the Council to amend the composition of the JSC, FIC, ASC, TCC, CEC and RHCC, these being Committees with open membership, as required.

12. Bearing in mind that the Edward Warner Award (EWA) Committee met on a triennial basis prior to the Assembly, the Council also agreed, in line with recent practice, that the composition of the Committee would be determined at a future Session of the Council in advance of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Assembly.

13. With respect to the Small Groups of the Council, the Council noted that an oral report from the President of the Council relating to the structure and composition of the Small Groups would be presented to the Council for further consideration at a subsequent meeting during the 236<sup>th</sup> Session.

#### **Any other business**

#### **Preliminary reflections on A42**

14. The Council took note of the preliminary reflections presented by the President of the Council regarding the convening of the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assembly, as well as the comments raised over the course of its consideration of the matter, it being understood that in line with past practice, the Council would be afforded an opportunity to undertake a more comprehensive discussion in this regard during the 237<sup>th</sup> Session.

### **Status of ratification of the 2016 Protocol on Article 50 (a) of the Chicago Convention**

15. The Council took note of the information presented by the Director, Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau regarding the status of ratification of the 2016 Protocol on Article 50 (a) of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*. It was understood that the Council would continue to be apprised on the progress made towards attaining the required 128 ratifications for the Protocol to enter into force, and possible next steps.

### **Amendments to the work programme and calendar of meetings for the 236th Session**

16. Pursuant to the email circulated by the President of the Council to all Council Representatives, dated 8 October 2025, the Council approved the following revisions to the Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the current session, as set forth in C-WP/15703 Revision No. 1, on the understanding that said revisions would be reflected in the Addendum & Corrigendum No. 1 to that paper, to be issued in due course:

- add a working paper, *Review of Educational Requirements for D-1 and D-2 Posts*, to be considered by the Council through the COG, as a supplementary item;
- add a working paper, *Convening of the 40th Session of the Legal Committee*, as a supplementary item;
- add two working papers to be circulated under cover of a President memorandum, namely, *Proposal for Settlement of Arrears of Contributions by Dominica* and *Proposal for Settlement of Arrears of Contributions by São Tomé and Príncipe* as supplementary items;
- add an oral report by the Secretary General on the *Request by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to join COSCAP-NA Programme*, as a supplementary item;
- add an ANC oral report to the item *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)*;
- add the item, *Consolidated report on planning and implementation regional groups (PIRGs) and regional aviation safety groups (RASGs) for 2025* to the work programme of the COG, together with an associated oral report to the Council;
- defer the working papers *Convening of the Seventh Worldwide Air Transport Conference (AT-Conf/7)* and *Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS), Radio Frequency Interference (RFI)* to the 237th Session;
- remove the item *Establishment of an ICAO Innovation Award*, pursuant to C-DEC 235/18; and
- add an oral update on the *Governance of Small Groups of the Council* to the Work Programme of the COG only, as a supplementary item.

### **Elections of the President of the Council**

17. It was noted that, in accordance with the Rules and Procedures for the election of the President of the Council set forth in Appendix A of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), the candidates for the post of President of the Council would be invited to present their views and ideas during a closed meeting of the Council on the morning of Tuesday, 28 October 2025, and the election of the President of the Council would take place on the morning of Wednesday, 26 November 2025 (cf. C-WP/15761).

**Request from Observers to participate in closed meetings of the Council**

18. It was noted that in the absence of comments to emails circulated by the President of the Council in July and September 2025, and in accordance with Rule 32 a) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, the Council had agreed to invite Ms. Delphine Micheaux Naudet (European Union) to participate as Observer during the 236th Session of the Council's consideration of all items in closed session; Mr. Michael Comber (IATA); Mr. Daniel Carnelly, (ICCAIA); and Mr. Brian Shury and, in his absence Mr. Sebastián Currás-Barrios, (IFALPA), to participate as Observers during the 236th Session of the Council's consideration in closed session, of items related to aviation safety and security, as appropriate.

**Appointment of an Observer to the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP)**

19. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 15 September 2025 to the President of the Council's email dated 29 August 2025, Mr. Patrick van de Straat had been appointed as the Observer from IFALPA to CAEP, replacing Mr. Robert Brons, with effect from 16 September 2025.

**Appointment of a Member of the Technical Advisory Body (TAB)**

20. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 8 August 2025 to the President of the Council's email dated 25 July 2025, Mr. Nathan Van Beilen had been appointed to serve as Member from Canada to the TAB, to replace Mr. Grégoire Baribeau, with effect from 13 October 2025.

**Appointment of an additional member to the Commission of Experts of the Supervisory Authority of the International Registry (CESAIR)**

21. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 4 September 2025 in response to the President's memorandum PRES SS/3776 dated 28 August 2025, an additional member nominated by Argentina, Ms. María Eugenia Torres Luraschi was appointed as a member to the Commission.

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