



C-DEC 236/5
24/11/25

COUNCIL — 236TH SESSION

FIFTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

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

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report from the Secretary General, which pursuant to a letter received from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) dated 30 September 2025 and the decision taken by the Council in that regard (C-DEC 236/1), provided relevant background information regarding the Organization's technical activities with the DPRK, particularly as they relate to the Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme – North Asia (COSCAP-NA) and the Universal Security Audit Programme (USAP-CMA).

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information contained in the oral report;
- b) recalled the Council's previous decisions relating to ICAO's technical activities with the DPRK, including its decisions affirming that the ICAO Secretariat should avoid all technical activities with the DPRK of a direct or indirect nature (C-DEC 226/5 and C-DEC 223/4, refer), as well as the relevant decisions and Resolutions adopted by the ICAO Assembly;
- c) in reiterating its concerns regarding continued unannounced missile launches by the DPRK, as well as recurring incidents of Global Navigation Satellite Systems – Radio Frequency Interference on the Korean Peninsula originating from the DPRK, which pose a serious and continuing risk to international civil aviation, and acknowledging that the DPRK had yet to respond to the Assembly and the Council's repeated requests and decisions, or comply with its obligations under the Chicago Convention and its Annexes, reaffirmed its decision that the ICAO Secretariat should avoid all technical activities with the DPRK of a direct or indirect nature; and
- d) requested the President of the Council and the Secretary General to continue their efforts to engage with the DPRK with a view to securing its compliance with the Chicago Convention and its Annexes, and to report any developments to the Council, as necessary.

Review of the Air Navigation Work Programme

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Air Navigation Commission (P/ANC), which provided an update on the amendments made to the Air Navigation (AN) Work Programme since last reported to the Council during the 234th Session (C-DEC 234/7, refers).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted, with appreciation, the information presented in the oral report, and expressed support for the ANC's continued efforts to identify initiatives to resolve potential bottlenecks in advancing the work of the Panels;
- b) invited the Secretariat, together with the ANC, to consider options for engaging additional experts to contribute to this work, while encouraging all Council Members to coordinate with their respective governments to appoint technical experts to support it, where appropriate;
- c) shared the ANC's concern regarding the ongoing delays in the issuance of guidance material required to support the implementation of amendments to Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs)/Procedures for Air Navigation Services (PANS), and invited the Secretariat to explore allocating additional resources to support and accelerate its work in this area, including through the use of the Strategic Fund;
- d) further noted the ANC's suggestion that in line with ICAO's Transformational Objective and the Digital Transformation pillar, the AN Work Programme system and its respective review process could benefit from increased automation and further improvements to its digital tools, as a means to improve the ANC's analytical capabilities and gain further insights on the AN Work Programme; and
- e) welcomed the ANC's initiative in considering a complementary, forward-looking analysis in order to be better informed on possible future initiatives impacting the AN Work Programme, including the prioritization of additional work stemming from high-level conference recommendations and Assembly outcomes, while also reprioritizing projects and activities relating to safety and air navigation, as contained in the ICAO Triennial Operating Plan, as needed.

ANC Work Programme for the 231st Session

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15769, which presented the proposed work programme for the 231st Session of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the proposed ANC work programme for its 231st Session, as outlined in Appendix A of C-WP/15769 and the Session's opening and closing dates of 2 February 2026 and 27 March 2026, respectively, with a recess from 23 February to 6 March 2026; and
- b) took note of the planned items for the 232nd and 233rd Sessions, as outlined in Appendices B and C.

Provision of Space Weather Information Services

7. The Council commenced its consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15774, which presented relevant background information on the establishment and provision of the global space weather information service, including the technical provisions in Annex 3 — *Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation* and the *Procedures for Air Navigation Services — Meteorology* (PANS-MET, Doc 10157).

8. Due to time constraints, the Council agreed to resume its deliberations on this item at the following meeting of the current Session.

Any other business

Amendments to the Calendar of Meetings for the 236th Session

9. The President of the Council informed that the informal briefing by the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industries Associations (ICCAIA) on *SARPs Applicability Date Challenges* would take place in the Council chamber at 14:00 hours on Thursday, 20 November 2025, to be followed by a meeting of the Committee on Governance at 16:00 hours.

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