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COUNCIL — 237TH SESSION

THIRD MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2026, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Amendments to the work programme of the Council and calendar of meetings for the 237th Session

1. Recalling its decision to include an additional item on its work programme for the 237th Session pursuant to a request by the United Arab Emirates under Article 54 n) of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* (C-DEC 237/2, refers), the Council noted that the working paper, C-WP/15823, *Illegal Attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran Endangering International Civil Aviation in the Middle East Region*, jointly presented by Jordan, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Morocco, would be published in all six working languages by close of business on 25 March 2026. It was also understood that the item would be considered by the Council at its meeting on 30 March 2026 and, in that connection, that it may be necessary to waive Rule 26 b) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559/11) regarding the established distribution timeline for Council working papers.

2. The Council further noted that, with respect to the additional item included on its work programme for the 237th Session pursuant to a request by the Islamic Republic of Iran (C-DEC 237/2 refers), Iran had informed the President of its intention to submit a working paper in due course. Pending receipt of such a working paper, the Council noted that, in order to consider the item during this 237th Session, it may be necessary to waive Rule 26 b) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559/11) regarding the established distribution timeline for Council working papers.

SARPs Applicability Dates Challenges

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the President of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), which pursuant to C-DEC 236/7, reported on the outcome of the ANC's review of the challenges relating to the determination of applicability dates for ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) recognized that the effectiveness of the determination of applicability dates for ICAO SARPs depends significantly on the quality, completeness and timeliness of inputs from both States and industry, as well as on timely consultation and proactive engagement between ICAO, States and industry throughout the SARPs development process;
- b) acknowledged that applicability dates form an integral part of the stability, credibility and legal certainty of ICAO SARPs, in accordance with the framework established under the Chicago Convention, and support globally harmonized implementation, and

in that respect, underlined that careful calibration of applicability dates prior to adoption remained essential;

- c) emphasized the importance of ensuring that appropriate guidance material and implementation support are available in a timely manner to facilitate the effective implementation of ICAO SARPs, in line with the goal of *No Country Left Behind*, and in that regard, requested that the ANC, together with the Secretariat, consider opportunities for accelerating the development of guidance material to ensure its availability in line with SARPs applicability dates, and means to identify and plan for more targeted capacity building to better address the needs of Member States;
- d) underlined that any consideration of possible improvements in this area should be undertaken in a consolidated manner, taking into account the linkages between SARPs development, implementation, audit and feedback processes, as well as the related budgetary implications;
- e) considering the range of potential challenges associated with applicability dates, requested the ANC, with the support of the Secretariat, to undertake further work to identify the main issues, understand their impacts, and explore potential solutions, taking into account the experience derived from previous cases where implementation challenges had arisen; and
- f) recognizing that the preparation of a comprehensive report on all relevant issues as outlined in e) above would require sufficient time, requested that the ANC regularly update the Council on progress made, and to continue to engage with the Council on this matter.

Adoption of Amendment 49 to Annex 2 — Rules of the Air

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15789 which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendment 49 to Annex 2 — *Rules of the Air*.

6. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that an effective date of 3 August 2026 and proposed applicability date of 26 November 2026 would be suitable for Amendment 49 to Annex 2. The Council also took note of the implementation task list, including an outline of guidance material, as well as the impact assessment, as contained in Appendices A and B, respectively, to the working paper.

7. Following consideration, the Council, by 35 votes in favour, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions (1 Representative being absent):

- a) adopted, as Amendment 49 to Annex 2, the amendment to a definition and a Standard, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15789;
- b) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to Notes as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15789;
- c) approved the Resolution of Adoption as contained in Appendix D to C-WP/15789; and
- d) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Foreword of Annex 2, as contained in Appendix E to C-WP/15789.

Adoption of Amendment 63 to Annex 4 — Aeronautical Charts

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15790 which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendment 63 to Annex 4 — *Aeronautical Charts*.

9. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that an effective date of 3 August 2026 and proposed applicability date of 26 November 2026 would be suitable for Amendment 63 to Annex 4. The Council also took note of the implementation task list, including an outline of guidance material, as well as the impact assessment, as contained in Appendices A and B, respectively, to the working paper.

10. Following consideration, the Council, by 35 votes in favour, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions (1 Representative being absent):

- a) adopted, as Amendment 63 to Annex 4, the amendment to definitions, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15790;
- b) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to Notes as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15790;
- c) approved the Resolution of Adoption as contained in Appendix D to C-WP/15790; and
- d) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Foreword of Annex 4, as contained in Appendix E to C-WP/15790.

Adoption of Amendment 55 to Annex 11 — Air Traffic Services

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15799 which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendment 55 to Annex 11 — *Air Traffic Services*.

12. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that an effective date of 3 August 2026 and proposed applicability date of 26 November 2026 would be suitable for Amendment 55 to Annex 11. The Council also took note of the implementation task list, including an outline of guidance material, as well as the impact assessment, as contained in Appendices A and B, respectively, to the working paper.

13. Following consideration, the Council, by 35 votes in favour, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions (1 Representative being absent):

- a) adopted, as Amendment 55 to Annex 11, the amendment to definitions and Standards, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15799;
- b) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to Notes as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15799;
- c) approved the Resolution of Adoption as contained in Appendix D to C-WP/15799; and
- d) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Foreword of Annex 11, as contained in Appendix E to C-WP/15799.

Adoption of Amendment 45 to Annex 15 — Aeronautical Information Services

14. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15801 which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendment 45 to Annex 15 — *Aeronautical Information Services*.

15. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that an effective date of 3 August 2026 and proposed applicability date of 26 November 2026 would be suitable for Amendment 45 to Annex 15. The Council also took note of the implementation task list, including an outline of guidance material, as well as the impact assessment, as contained in Appendices A and B, respectively, to the working paper.

16. Following consideration, the Council, by 36 votes in favour, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions (no Representatives being absent):

- a) adopted, as Amendment 45 to Annex 15, the amendment to definitions, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15801;
- b) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to Notes as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15801;
- c) approved the Resolution of Adoption as contained in Appendix D to C-WP/15801; and
- d) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Foreword of Annex 15, as contained in Appendix E to C-WP/15801.

Adoption of Amendment 95 to Annex 10 — Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume I — Radio Navigation Aids

17. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15795 which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendment 95 to Annex 10 — *Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume I – Radio Navigation Aids*.

18. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that an effective date of 3 August 2026 and proposed applicability date of 26 November 2026 would be suitable for Amendment 95 to Annex 10, Volume I. The Council also took note of the implementation task list, including an outline of guidance material, as well as the impact assessment, as contained in Appendices A and B, respectively, to the working paper.

19. Following consideration, the Council, by 36 votes in favour, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions (no Representatives being absent):

- a) adopted, as Amendment 95 to Annex 10, Volume I, the amendment to definitions, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15795;
- b) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to Notes as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15795;
- c) approved the Resolution of Adoption as contained in Appendix D to C-WP/15795; and
- d) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Foreword of Annex 10, Volume I, as contained in Appendix E to C-WP/15795.

Adoption of Amendment 95 to Annex 10 — Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume II — Communication Procedures including those with PANS Status

20. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15796 which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendment 95 to Annex 10 — *Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume II – Communication Procedures including those with PANS Status*.

21. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that an effective date of 3 August 2026 and proposed applicability date of 26 November 2026 would be suitable for Amendment 95 to Annex 10, Volume II. The Council also took note of the implementation task list, including an outline of guidance material, as well as the impact assessment, as contained in Appendices A and B, respectively, to the working paper.

22. Following consideration, the Council, by 36 votes in favour, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions (no Representatives being absent):

- a) adopted, as Amendment 95 to Annex 10, Volume II, the amendment to Standards, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15796;
- b) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to Notes as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15796;
- c) approved the Resolution of Adoption as contained in Appendix D to C-WP/15796; and
- d) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Foreword of Annex 10, Volume II, as contained in Appendix E to C-WP/15796.

Adoption of Amendment 94 to Annex 10 — Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume III — Communication Systems

23. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15797 which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendment 94 to Annex 10 — *Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume III– Communication Systems*.

24. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that an effective date of 3 August 2026 and proposed applicability date of 26 November 2026 would be suitable for Amendment 94 to Annex 10, Volume III. The Council also took note of the implementation task list, including an outline of guidance material, as well as the impact assessment, as contained in Appendices A and B, respectively, to the working paper.

25. Following consideration, the Council, by 36 votes in favour, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions (no Representatives being absent):

- a) adopted, as Amendment 94 to Annex 10, Volume III, the amendment to definitions and to Standards and Recommended Practices, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15797;
- b) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to Notes as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15797;
- c) approved the Resolution of Adoption as contained in Appendix D to C-WP/15797; and

- d) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Foreword of Annex 10, Volume III, as contained in Appendix E to C-WP/15797.

Adoption of Amendment 92 to Annex 10 — Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume IV — Surveillance and Collision Avoidance Systems

26. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15798 which presented a proposal from the Air Navigation Commission for Amendment 92 to Annex 10 — *Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume IV – Surveillance and Collision Avoidance Systems*.

27. It was noted that having examined the technical circumstances associated with the implementation of the amendment, the Air Navigation Commission considered that an effective date of 3 August 2026 and proposed applicability date of 26 November 2026 would be suitable for Amendment 92 to Annex 10, Volume IV. The Council also took note of the implementation task list, including an outline of guidance material, as well as the impact assessment, as contained in Appendices A and B, respectively, to the working paper.

28. Following consideration, the Council, by 36 votes in favour, 0 votes against, and 0 abstentions (no Representatives being absent):

- a) adopted, as Amendment 92 to Annex 10, Volume IV, the amendment to definitions and to Standards and Recommended Practices, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15798;
- b) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to Notes as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15798;
- c) approved the Resolution of Adoption as contained in Appendix D to C-WP/15798; and
- d) approved, as part of the said amendment, the amendment to the Foreword of Annex 10, Volume IV, as contained in Appendix E to C-WP/15798.

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