



C-DEC 237/6
31/3/26

COUNCIL — 237TH SESSION

SIXTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2026, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Illegal Attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran Endangering International Civil Aviation in the Middle East Region

1. The Council resumed its consideration of C-WP/15823 Revision No. 1 (C-DEC 237/5, refers), on the basis of a draft Council decision text, as circulated by the President of the Council by email to all Council Representatives, dated 30 March 2026.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) recalled the purposes and principles of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, resolutions of the ICAO Assembly on the safety and security of international civil aviation, and that the primary objective of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) continues to be that of ensuring the safety and security of international civil aviation worldwide;
 - b) condemned the violation by the Islamic Republic of Iran of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan, including their sovereign airspaces, contrary to Article 1 of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, which recognizes that every State has complete and exclusive sovereignty over the airspace above its territory, and which is inconsistent with the rules and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, recalling in this regard United Nations Security Council Resolution 2817 (2026);
 - c) reaffirmed, in accordance with Resolution A42-4, that “every State must refrain from resorting to the use of weapons against civil aircraft in flight as reflected in Article 3 *bis* of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*”;
 - d) in light of the information presented in C-WP/15823 Revision No. 1, deplored the Islamic Republic of Iran’s illegal use of unmanned aircraft systems for military purposes against civilian infrastructure over the territories of the affected Member States;
 - e) underscored the paramount importance of preserving the safety and security of international civil aviation, including addressing risks in conflict zones, and in this

context, urged the Islamic Republic of Iran to cease its unlawful activities and to ensure the safety and security of civil aviation;

- f) reaffirmed that in accordance with Article 89 of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, the provisions of that Convention shall not affect the freedom of action of the Member States affected by the Islamic Republic of Iran's attacks;
- g) urgently called on the Islamic Republic of Iran to cease its unlawful activities, to ensure the safety and security of civil aviation in all affected areas and to respect its obligations under the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* and its Annexes, as well as other relevant international civil aviation treaties;
- h) direct the Secretary General to: (i) On the basis of Article 54(j) of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* immediately draw the attention of all Member States to this decision; (ii) transmit the text of this decision to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and other relevant bodies of the United Nations;
- i) requested the President of the Council to send a letter to the relevant authorities in the Islamic Republic of Iran to convey the Council's decision including its call for immediate cessation of the stated violation and unlawful activities, and to respect its obligations under the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*; and
- j) decided to remain seized of this matter.

— END —