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COUNCIL — 237TH SESSION

NINTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, THURSDAY, 2 APRIL 2026 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Review of Assembly Resolutions and Decisions

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15787, which reported on the actions taken to update the Triennial Operating Plan (TOP) and Performance Monitoring Framework (PMF) of the ICAO Business Plan (BP) 2026-2028, in order to incorporate the Resolutions and decisions adopted by the 42nd Session of the ICAO Assembly (A42), including the funding status of projects and activities based on the approved Regular Budget (RB) and confirmed extrabudgetary resources allocated to priority projects and activities. The Council also had for consideration oral reports thereon from the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), the Committee on Governance (COG) and the Finance Committee (FIC).

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information contained in C-WP/15787 and the updates which had been made to the TOP and PMF to reflect the mandates arising from A42, including with respect to priorities and funding status of projects and activities, and in that connection, acknowledged that the Business Plan narrative part, including the Outcome targets, had not changed as a result of Resolutions and decisions adopted by A42;
- b) recognizing that the Regular Budget would not cover all mandates, including those given by the Assembly, and recalling that A42 had recognized safety and security as areas of the highest concern for Member States, reaffirmed that priorities should dictate which projects and activities would be implemented from the Regular Budget and which would depend on extrabudgetary resources, including the Strategic Fund;
- c) directed the Secretariat to continue to explore and implement measures to enhance operational and financial efficiencies, and requested that it inform the Council on such initiatives at the 239th Session;
- d) reiterated the importance of advancing the work on sustainable financing and budget reform for the Organization in the long-term, and in that regard, took note of the establishment of the Small Group of the Finance Committee on Sustainable ICAO Financing and Budgeting;
- e) recalling the ICAO Accountability Framework and the respective roles and responsibilities of the Assembly, Council and Secretary General outlined therein, particularly in the context of the implementation of the Business Plan, and acknowledging that the TOP is a living document, requested the Secretary General to

report to the Council on a regular basis on the implementation of the Business Plan, using well-defined criteria for assessing progress, including with respect to the risk impacts of not fully implementing unfunded and partially funded projects and activities, with a view to enhancing transparency and supporting Council review;

- f) noting the ANC's concern regarding potential misalignment between the prioritization of SARPs production and the related development and maintenance of guidance material to support timely and effective implementation, and that implementation support for safety management and State safety programmes (SSPs) appeared as partially funded, agreed that adjustments to the resourcing of such critical activities warranted further consideration, and, in that connection, requested the ANC to further consider the risk impacts of unfunded and partially funded projects and activities in the areas under its purview, and to advise the Council accordingly in due course; and
- g) underscored the need for proactive and continued engagement with the ANC and the Standing Committees of the Council, as appropriate, so as to ensure a holistic understanding of evolving priorities, risks and requirements throughout the triennium.

Election of the Chairpersons of the Committees on Governance (COG) and on Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP)

3. The Council resumed consideration of this item on the basis of C-WP/15821 (Corrigendum No. 1) (C-DEC 237/2, refers), which in light of the departure of the Chairperson of the Committee on Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP) (Representative of Germany), invited the Council to elect a new Chairperson of the CCEP for the remainder of the 2025-2026 term.

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) 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*, related to elections taking place by secret ballot unless waived by unanimous decision by the Members represented at the meeting; and
- b) on the nomination of the Representative of South Africa, elected the Representative of Australia (Ms. Sarah Millard) as the Chairperson of the CCEP for the remainder of the 2025-2026 term, with effect from the 237th Session.

Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 238th Session

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15788, which presented the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 238th Session. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG). In doing so, the Council agreed to waive that part of Rule 26 b) pertaining to the timeline requirement for the issuance of oral reports, since in this case, the COG oral report had been issued less than 3 working days in advance of the meeting.

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the work programme of the Council and its Committees for the 238th Session as contained in C-WP/15788, as modified by the COG and reflected in its oral report, and to reflect any further items agreed by the Council during the 237th Session;
- b) approved the list of proposed informal briefings, as modified by the COG and reflected in Appendix A of the COG oral report, and to reflect any further informal briefings agreed by the Council during the 237th Session;

- c) took note of the proposed list of items to be shared for information, as reflected in Appendix B of the COG oral report;
- d) invited Council Representatives to notify the Secretariat, in writing, of any potential meetings, holidays or events which may coincide with the programme of ICAO meetings for the coming triennium, including the anticipated dates of the Council.

Any other business

Correspondence addressed to the President of the Council and the Secretary General by the Minister of Transport of Lithuania

7. The President of the Council informed the Council of a letter received by ICAO from the Minister of Transport of the Republic of Lithuania, dated 12 February 2026, providing information concerning the disruption to civil aviation caused by unmanned balloons entering the airspace of Lithuania, allegedly originating from the territory of the Republic of Belarus. The Council noted that the Secretary General would send a letter to the relevant Authorities of Belarus with a view to bring the matter to their attention and to seek information and clarification concerning these occurrences. It was understood that the Secretariat would follow up with both States and report back to the Council during its 238th Session.

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

8. Pursuant to the decision taken by the Council at the Sixth Meeting of its current Session (C-DEC 237/6, refers), the Council agreed that a news release should be prepared and issued informing the public of said decision.

Informal committee activities during the recess

9. The Council was informed of informal meetings planned under the auspices of the Climate and Environment Committee and the Committee on Governance, which were to take place during the Council recess.

Request from Observers to participate in closed meetings of the Council

10. In the absence of comments to emails circulated by the President of the Council in March 2026, and in accordance with Rule 32 a) of the Rules of Procedure for the Council, the Council agreed to invite Ms. Nathalie Herbelles (ACI); and Mr. Carlos Cirilo (CANSO), to participate as Observers during the 237th Session of the Council's consideration in closed session, of items related to aviation safety and security, as appropriate.

Information items considered by Council Committees

11. 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:

- *Aviation Security Risk Overview*
- *Report on Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau Activities During 2025*
- *Update of Budgetary Estimates for Extra-Budgetary Funds for 2026*
- *Annual Report of the Chief of the Office of Internal Oversight (OIO)*
- *Evaluation of the Regional Portfolio of ESAF and the AFI SECFAL Plan*
- *Evaluation of ICAO's Project Cycle Management*
- *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled, "Review of the implementation of the principle of mutual recognition within the United Nations system"*

Items circulated for information only

12. The Council noted that the following information items had been circulated for information purposes, and had been published on the Council website, accordingly:

- *2025 Regional Office Key Achievements*
- *Annual Report of the Investigative Entity on Cases of Misconduct Handled on Behalf of ICAO – 2025*
- *Annual Report of the ICAO Gender Equality Programme for 2025*
- *Annual Report on Actions Taken in Response to Complaints of Misconduct and Retaliation – 2025*
- *ICAO Financial Situation Report: January to December 2025 (Preliminary)*
- *ICAO Transformational Objective. Final Report (January 2026)*
- *Mid-Term Report of the Secretary General (237th Session)*
- *Progress Report on ICAO Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)*
- *Progress Report on the Implementation of the ICAO Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA)*
- *Report on the Activities of the Implementation Support and Development – Security (ISD-SEC) Programme. Executive Summary*
- *Report on the Implementation of the ICAO Multilingualism Strategy 2025*

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