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**COUNCIL — 238TH SESSION**

**FIRST MEETING**

**(COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONDAY, 15 JUNE 2026, AT 1430 HOURS)**

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

**OPEN MEETING**

**Welcome to new Representatives**

1. The Council warmly welcomed the newly appointed Representatives of Germany (Mr. Raimund Kamp) and the Republic of Korea (Mr. Song Bum Shin).

**Opening remarks & schedule for consideration of items during the 238th Session of the Council**

2. The Council took note of the information presented by the President of the Council, as well as the updates pertaining to the proceedings of the 238th Session.

**Entry into force of the 2016 Protocols Amending Article 50(a) and Article 56 of the Chicago Convention**

3. The Council noted that the requirements for the entry into force of the *Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation* [Article 50 (a)] and the *Protocol Relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation* [Article 56], both signed at Montréal on 6 October 2016, had been fulfilled, following the deposit of the 128th instrument of ratification in respect of each Protocol on 12 June 2026 by the Government of the Republic of Ecuador. In this connection, the Council further noted that the implications of this development for the convening of an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly would be considered later in the current Council Session, and that information concerning the appointment of two additional Members of the Air Navigation Commission would be provided in due course.

**Draft communication to States on the appointment of the Secretary General**

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15825, which in accordance with the rules and procedure governing the appointment of the Secretary General, presented a draft State letter to inform Member States that the term of the incumbent would end on 31 July 2027, and therefore, nominations would be invited for the position. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

5. Following consideration, the Council approved the State letter notifying Member States of the forthcoming appointment of the Secretary General and inviting the submission of nominations, as appended to C-WP/15825, and agreed that said letter should be issued on 30 September 2026, with the

deadline for the receipt of nominations being 15 January 2027, it being understood that the Council would proceed to the appointment of the Secretary General during its 240th Session (February/March 2027).

**Update on the preparations for the Seventh Worldwide Air Transport Conference (AT-Conf/7)**

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15835, which pursuant to C-DEC 237/8, presented a consolidated update on the preparations for the Seventh Worldwide Air Transport Conference (AT-Conf/7), including a draft Ministerial Declaration. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

7. Following consideration, the Council:

a) took note of the progress made by the Secretariat in the preparation of AT-Conf/7 thus far, while acknowledging the next steps in this regard, particularly with respect to the preparation of working papers and further communication with Member States regarding procedural requirements and timelines, it being understood that the Council would continue to be informed of further developments, as appropriate;

b) further noted that a waiver from Rule 26 of the *Standing Rules of Procedure for Meetings in the Air Transport Field (World-wide Conferences and Division Sessions)* (Doc 8683) was no longer necessary, in view of the decision taken by the Council during its 195th Session to amend said Rule (C-DEC 195/1 refers);

c) agreed that the revised draft Ministerial Declaration, as contained in the Appendix to the ATC oral report, be published on the AT-Conf/7 website for comments by Member States; and

d) requested the Secretariat to provide an update on the organization of the Conference at the next Session of the Council.

**Appointment of Members of the Evaluation and Audit Advisory Committee (EAAC)**

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15840, which presented the nominations submitted by Member States for candidates to be appointed to the Evaluation and Audit Advisory Committee (EAAC).

9. Following consideration, the Council:

a) agreed to appoint Ms. Natalie Lalonde (Canada) and Mrs. Laura D'Ambrosio (Italy) to the EAAC for a first term, from 1 September 2026 to 31 December 2029;

b) further agreed to re-appoint Ms. Yanhua Xiong (China) for a second term from 1 September 2026 to 31 December 2029; and

c) approved the extension of three outgoing members, Mr. Damian Brewitt (United Kingdom), Mr. Richard Brisebois (Canada), and Mr. Gordon Nuurbaare (Ghana), until 26 March 2027.

**ANC Work Programme for the 233rd Session**

10. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15832, which presented the proposed work programme for the 233rd Session of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC).

11. Following consideration, the Council:

a) approved the proposed ANC work programme for its 233rd Session, including the Session's opening and closing dates of 21 September to 13 November 2026, respectively, with a recess from 12 to 23 October 2026;

b) took note of the planned items for the 234th and 235th Sessions, as outlined in Appendices B and C of the working paper, respectively; and

c) recalling its decision concerning the range of potential challenges associated with SARPs applicability dates, including the need to ensure that appropriate guidance material was made available in a timely manner, in line with the agreed applicability dates (C-DEC 237/3 refers), acknowledged that the work requested in that context would require sufficient time, and requested the ANC, with the support of the Secretariat, to continue such work and to regularly update the Council on progress made, as appropriate.

**CLOSED MEETING**

*Not available*

**OPEN MEETING**

**Any other business**

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

12. The Council noted that the President of the Council had received a letter from the Vice Minister of Roads and Urban Development and President of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning Iran’s legal position on the decision of the Council on the item *Illegal Attacks by the Islamic Republic of Iran Endangering International Civil Aviation in the Middle East Region* (C-DEC 237/6 refers). The President indicated that the matter would be considered at the meeting of the Council scheduled for Friday, 19 June 2026.

**Correspondence addressed to the President of the Council by the President of Civil Aviation of the State of Kuwait**

13. The Council noted that the recent correspondence addressed to the President of the Council by the President of Civil Aviation of the State of Kuwait would be shared with Council Members once translated from Arabic into English.

**Council Off-Site Meeting**

14. With regard to the possible convening of a Council Off-site Strategy Meeting in 2026, the Council noted that options had been reviewed by the President of the Council with the Representative of the Host State, Canada, and the Vice-Presidents of the Council, with the period from 23 to 25 September

2026, during the first week of the committee phase of the 239th Session, having been identified as a possible timeframe. It was understood that further details would be provided in due course.

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

15. It was noted that in the absence of comments to emails circulated by the President of the Council in April and May 2026, 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 238th Session of the Council's consideration of all items in closed session; Mr. Michael Comber (IATA); Mr. Daniel Carnelly and, in his absence Ms. Anouck Barreaux, (ICCAIA); and Mr. Brian Shury and, in his absence Mr. Sebastián Currás-Barrios, (IFALPA), to participate as Observers during the 238th Session of the Council's consideration in closed session, of items related to aviation safety and security, as appropriate.

**Appointment of an Alternate on the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)**

16. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 12 May 2026, to the President of the Council's email dated 6 May 2026, Mrs. Kirsi Lähteenmäki-Riistama, nominated by the Government of Sweden, on behalf of the Governments of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland and Latvia, had been appointed as Alternate to Mr. Per Anders Leufgård on the Air Navigation Commission, with effect from 1 May 2026.

**Appointment of Members and Observers to the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP)**

17. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 8 April 2026 to the President of the Council's email dated 24 March 2026, Ms. Gabriela Urruti had been appointed as the Member from Argentina to CAEP, replacing Mr. Gustavo Rinaldi, with effect from 9 April 2026.

18. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 24 April 2026 to the President of the Council's email dated 10 April 2026, Ms. Samah Salim Al Shibli had been appointed as the Member from Oman to CAEP, replacing Ms. Asmahan Khalfan Said Al Rahbi, with effect from 27 April 2026.

19. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 24 April 2026 to the President of the Council's email dated 10 April 2026, Mr. Luis Antonio Ramirez had been appointed as the Member from the Dominican Republic to CAEP, replacing Ms. Judit de Leon, with effect from 27 April 2026.

20. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 4 June 2026 to the President of the Council's email dated 21 May 2026, Ms. Karen Boyd had been appointed as the Observer for ABFA to CAEP, replacing Mr. Glenn Johnston, with effect from 5 June 2026.

21. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 11 June 2026 to the President of the Council's email dated 28 May 2026, Mr. Chung Yi Fan had been appointed as the Observer for Malaysia to CAEP, replacing Mr. Muhamad Huzaifah Md Akhir, with effect from 12 June 2026.

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