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COUNCIL — 238TH SESSION

THIRD MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2026, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

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

1. Pursuant to the decision taken during its first meeting of the current Session (C-DEC 238/1 refers), the Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report from the Secretary General as well as a communication from the President of the Council transmitting correspondence addressed to him by the Vice Minister of Roads and Urban Development and President of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

2. Following consideration, the Council took note of the information provided in the oral report and of the correspondence received from the Vice Minister of Roads and Urban Development and President of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Financial Statements and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 2025

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15828, which presented the audited Financial Statements of the Organization for the year ended 31 December 2025, reflecting the financial situation of ICAO, as well as the financial performance of projects and activities managed by ICAO on behalf of third parties. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC), as well as a presentation by the External Auditor (Swiss Federal Audit Office).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

a) expressed its appreciation to the outgoing External Auditor, the Swiss Federal Audit Office, for their professionalism, dedication and constructive engagement, that had contributed significantly to strengthening the Organization's financial reporting and governance framework over the course of their six-year mandate;

b) noted, with satisfaction, the External Auditor's unqualified opinion on the Organization's Financial Statements for the financial year 2025 and expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for its efforts in this regard; and

c) approved the submission of the financial statements and audit reports contained in Appendix B to C-WP/15828 to the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly, while taking

note of the Secretariat plan of action in response to the recommendations by the External Auditor, as proposed in Appendix A to the working paper.

Disruption to civil aviation caused by unmanned balloons entering the airspace of Lithuania

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Secretary General, which pursuant to C-DEC 237/9, provided an update relating to developments 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.

6. Following consideration, the Council:

a) took note of the information contained in the oral report, in particular concerning the discussions held by the Secretary General on 11 June 2026, during the 2026 Meeting of the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the ICAO EUR/NAT Regions, with the Director General of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Lithuania and the Deputy Director of the Civil Aviation Authority of the Republic of Belarus;

b) further noted the willingness expressed by both States to cooperate on the matter and the Secretariat's readiness to provide support to the States involved in this regard, as appropriate; and

c) requested the Secretary General to inform the Council of any further developments in this regard at its 239th Session.

Provisional arrangements for the convening of an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15826, which pursuant to C-DEC 237/8, provided updated information regarding the provisional arrangements for the convening of an Extraordinary Session of the Assembly in 2026. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG), along with an oral update from the Secretary General.

8. Following consideration, the Council:

a) welcomed the information presented by the Secretary General, confirming that the 128th instrument of ratification had been deposited with the Organization on 12 June 2026 by the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, bringing the 2016 Protocol Amending Article 50(a) of the Chicago Convention into force, with immediate effect;

b) recalling its agreement to convene the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly in conjunction with the Seventh Worldwide Air Transport Conference (AT-Conf/7) (C-DEC 237/8 refers), approved, the convening of the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly over two half-days, in the afternoons of 19 and 20 November 2026, respectively;

c) requested the Secretary General to proceed with issuing the State letter informing Member States of the dates of the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly, together with the provisional agenda as approved by the Council during the 237th Session;

d) with regard to the distribution of the four seats to be filled during the election of the Council at the Extraordinary Session of the Assembly, agreed to recommend to the Assembly that the election be held in one Part, with the four States to be elected in Part Three, on the understanding that the recommendation concerning the election of the four Council Members would apply only to the remainder of the 2026 to 2028 triennium, and would not determine the Council's future recommendation regarding the

distribution of the 40 seats on the Council among the three Parts of the election in advance of the next Ordinary Session of the Assembly in 2028; and

e) approved the draft Assembly working paper appended to C-WP/15826, it being understood that the working paper would be amended to reflect the caveat in d) above.

Recommendations of the Joint Support Committee Related to Items Under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreements Reviewed during the 238th Session

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15836, which presented the recommendations of the Joint Support Committee on items under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreements reviewed during the 238th Session.

10. Following consideration, the Council:

a) approved the actions recommended by the JSC, as outlined in the Executive Summaries of JS-WP/2200, JS-WP/2201, JS-WP/2202, JS-WP/2203, JS-WP/2204 and JS-WP/2205, recognizing that the projects contained therein had not undergone the usual user consultation and discussion process prior to approval, and on the understanding that any feedback received from users would be reviewed by the Council retroactively as part of the follow-up process;

b) recognizing that user input supports transparency, due diligence, stakeholder engagement and well-informed recommendations, and that consultation is an integral component of ICAO's key charging principles, took note of the Committee's intention to continue exploring potential options for improving the user consultation process, requesting that these be presented to the Council at its 239th Session;

c) with respect to JS-WP/2203, took note of the Committee's request to modify the scope of the feasibility study on landfill removal at the radiosonde station at Danmarkshavn, Greenland, as previously approved by the Council during its 236th Session (C-DEC 236/4, refers), on the understanding that any further steps would be considered by the Committee once the study results were available; and

d) further noted, with respect to JS-WP/2206, the clarification that concerns expressed by some Committee Members and users related not to NDBs as such, but to the recovery of costs for aids no longer used by aircraft not equipped for them, and that user consultation in this regard should be undertaken once the required analyses had been completed.

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