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COUNCIL — 238TH SESSION

SIXTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 2026, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

CLOSED MEETING

Not available

OPEN MEETING

Report of the Sixth Meeting of the Industry Consultative Forum (ICF/6), including the proposed theme and concept note for ICF/7

Update on innovation-related matters

5. The Council considered these two items concurrently.
6. The Council considered the first item on the basis of C-WP/15842 and Corrigendum No. 1, which provided the report and recommendations arising from the sixth meeting of the Industry Consultative Forum (ICF/6), held from 28 to 29 April 2025, along with possible themes identified for future ICF meetings, as well as the proposed theme and concept note for ICF/7. The second item was considered on the basis of an oral report from the Chairperson of the Small Group on Innovation (SGI), which provided an update on the progress made in advancing the work on innovation-related matters. The Council also had for consideration a consolidated oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).
7. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) noted the report of the ICF/6 and approved the recommendations arising from ICF/6, as identified in paragraph 2 of C-WP/15842, namely that:
 - i. ICAO and the aviation community should continue their efforts related to the implementation of the long-term global aspirational goal (LTAG);
 - ii. ICAO should reinforce its capacity building and training support activities to better address future workforce-related challenges in aviation (in connection with the needs of all stakeholders); and
 - iii. ICAO should support the scalability of innovations by encouraging the globalization and harmonization of certification processes, continuing airworthiness and oversight processes.
 - b) also took note the possible themes identified for forthcoming ICF meetings, as contained in paragraph 3.1 of C-WP/15842, including artificial intelligence, workforce challenges,

supply chain challenges, global certification frameworks, hyperconnected aircraft and next generation of aircraft;

- c) approved AI as the theme for ICF/7, and invited the SGI to take the necessary actions to organize ICF/7, based on the concept note contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15842, it being understood that the SGI would make the final determination on the dates for ICF/7 so that its report and recommendations may be considered by the Council in its 241st Session at the latest;
- d) requested that a Council informal briefing on AI be organized prior to ICF/7; and
- e) approved the recommendation of the ICF with regards to the Celebration of Innovation, as outlined in the SGI Chairperson's oral report.

Draft State Letter Inviting Nominations to Increase the Membership of the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15843, which presented a draft State letter inviting Member States to submit nominations for membership on the Air Navigation Commission (ANC), in light of the recent (12 June 2026) entry into force of the *Protocol relating to an amendment to Article 56 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation*, which increased the size of the ANC from 19 to 21 members, thereby creating 2 additional seats to which the Council would have to appoint members. In doing so, the Council agreed to waive Rule 26 b) (ii) of its *Rules of Procedure for the Council (Doc 7559/11)*, considering that the working paper had not been made available five working days prior to the meeting.

9. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) agreed to set 16 October 2026 as the deadline for the submission by Member States of nominations for the 2 additional seats on the ANC for the remainder of the ANC's three-year mandate (2026-2028), with the new members' terms to commence on 1 January 2027;
- b) approved the issuance of the draft State letter and its attachments, as contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15843, subject to the modifications agreed to by the Council in the course of its discussions, while delegating authority to the President of the Council to finalize the text accordingly; and
- c) recognizing the value of ensuring that the *Constitution and Terms of Reference of the Air Navigation Commission* (Doc 7162-C/825, Revised) meet current and evolving needs, requested the Secretariat, in consultation with the ANC, to initiate consideration of a possible review of Doc 7162, with a view to presenting an initial proposal in this respect to the Committee on Governance (COG) at a subsequent Session.

Programme of ICAO meetings for 2027 and tentative programme of meetings for 2028-2029

10. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15830, which presented the programme of meetings for the year 2027 and, for planning purposes, the tentative programme of meetings for the years 2028 and 2029. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG), as well as additional information circulated by the Secretariat to the Council by email, dated 22 June 2026.

11. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its appreciation to the Secretariat for its efforts to rationalize the programme of meetings and provide the Council with a graphic calendar of meetings reflecting a more holistic view of the events planned throughout the triennium;

- b) approved the programme of meetings for 2027, and the tentative programme of meetings for the years 2028 and 2029, as revised by the Secretariat, and taking into account the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its deliberations; and
- c) requested the Secretariat, in preparing future programmes of meetings, to continue identifying opportunities to rationalize the number of meetings, particularly those in Categories 3 and 4, taking into account the relevant risks and potential opportunity costs, operational impacts on the Secretariat, the effective participation of Member States and experts, and the implications for the delivery of the ICAO Business Plan, and to explore, where possible and appropriate, options for consolidating meetings or redistributing them more evenly throughout the year, as well as expanding the use of the hybrid format.

Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 239th Session

12. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15831, which presented the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 239th 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, considering that the COG oral report had been issued less than 3 working days in advance of the meeting.

13. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the work programme of the Council and its Committees for the 239th Session as contained in C-WP/15831, taking into account the comments raised by the COG and reflected in its oral report, and subject to the additional modifications agreed by the Council over the course of its deliberations;
- b) approved the list of proposed informal briefings, as reflected in Appendix A of the COG oral report;
- c) took note of the proposed list of items to be shared for information, as reflected in Appendix B of the COG oral report; and
- d) recalled that any decisions taken by the Council during the 238th Session that would affect the work programme or the list of informal briefings for the 239th Session and that were not currently reflected therein, would be incorporated into the revised version of C-WP/15831, to be issued immediately following the conclusion of the current Session, as well as the calendar of meetings, in the case of informal briefings.

Any other business

Joint informal meetings of the COG/FIC

14. The Council took note of the update circulated by the Chairperson of the Committee on Governance (COG), which provided a summary of the informal, joint discussions of the COG and Finance Committee (FIC), held on 16 and 18 June 2026, it being understood that the Council would have further opportunity to consider the points raised by the COG/FIC in the 239th Session.

Farewell to Council Representatives

15. The Council bade farewell to the Representatives of Argentina (Mr. Gerardo Ezequiel Bompadre), India (Mr. Angshumali Rastogi), Morocco (Mr. Salah Chekairi), Poland (Mr. Mateusz Bączkowski) and South Africa (Mr. Luvuyo Lulama Gqeke).

Farewell to an Observer

16. The Council bade farewell to the Head of Office, Office of the European Union (EU) in Montréal (Ms. Delphine Micheaux Naudet).

Farewell to the Director, Air Transport Bureau

17. The Council bade a warm farewell to the Director, Air Transport Bureau (Mr. Mohamed Rahma).

Information items considered by Council Committees

18. 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:

- *Report on Capacity Development and Implementation Bureau Activities During 2025*
- *Evaluation of ICAO's Economic Development Strategic Objective*
- *Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for 2025 and Programme of Work for 2026 and the Status of Implementation of Recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)*
- *Report of the JIU entitled, "Review of policies and practices to prevent and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse in the United Nations system organizations"*

Items circulated for information only

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

- *Sessional Report of the Secretary General (238th Session)*
- *Financial Situation Report: January to March 2026*
- *Report on the Continuous Organizational Improvement (COI) Programme*
- *Status of the ICAO Workforce for 2025*
- *Annual Report on Publications for 2025*
- *Annual Procurement Report for 2025*
- *Synthesis report on the activities of the External Auditor at ICAO for the period 2020–2025*
- *Universal Security Audit Programme Continuous Monitoring Approach. Analysis of Audit Results. Reporting period ending: 31 December 2025*

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

20. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 23 June 2026 to the President of the Council's email dated 9 June 2026, Mr. Daniel Chereau had been appointed as the Observer for IATA to CAEP, replacing Ms. Yue Huang, with effect from 24 June 2026.

21. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 25 June 2026 to the President of the Council's email dated 10 June 2026, Mr. Carlos Cirilo had been appointed as the Observer for CANSO to CAEP, replacing Ms. Michelle Bishop, with effect from 26 June 2026.