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COUNCIL — 226TH SESSION

FIRST MEETING

(HYBRID MEETING ON TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2022, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Condolences

1. The Council expressed its sincere condolences to the Government and peoples of the United Arab Emirates following the recent passing away of the country's President, His Excellency, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Welcome to a new Representative

2. The Council warmly welcomed the newly appointed Representative of Argentina (Mr. Gerardo Ezequiel Bompadre).

Amendments to the Work Programme for the 226th Session

3. On the basis of the e-mail message circulated by the President of the Council on 16 May 2022, the Council agreed to the following revisions to its Work Programme for the current session, as set forth in C-WP/15296, Revision No.1:

- a) C-WP/15368, *Report on the Evaluation of ICAO's Response to COVID-19*, listed as item 22 in Appendix A of C-WP/15296, Revision No.1 would be deferred to the 227th Session; and
- b) the item *Performance Audit on Project Management "NAM19801" of the ICAO Technical Cooperation Programme*, would be added as a supplementary item, with the understanding that this would be presented as a working paper to be reviewed by the Committee on Governance (COG) prior to its consideration by the Council.

4. Regarding the e-mail messages circulated by the President of the Council on 11 April and 21 April 2022, the Council agreed to add, as a supplementary item, a report by the Secretary General relating to the "Registration and operation of aircraft in the Russian Federation".

5. With respect to the e-mail message circulated by the President of the Council on 5 April 2022, which transmitted the letter received from Mr. Alexander Neradko, Head of the Russian Federal Air Transport Agency, the Council agreed to add as a supplementary item, a report on issues regarding the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, as raised by the Russian Federation.

Update of work on the feasibility of a long term global aspirational goal for international aviation (LTAG)

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15388, which presented an update of the work on the feasibility of a long-term global aspirational goal for international aviation (LTAG), including the results of the Global Aviation Dialogues (GLADs), and the preparatory work for the High-level Meeting on LTAG (HLM-LTAG). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

7. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted the results of LTAG Global Aviation Dialogues (GLADs), which were convened from 28 March to 8 April 2022 as a series of five regional virtual events, including the views expressed by States and stakeholders on various building blocks for consideration of an LTAG, as summarized in paragraph 1 of C-WP/15388;
- b) further noted the information related to the arrangements for the ICAO High-level Meeting on LTAG (HLM-LTAG), which would be convened from 20 to 22 July 2022 in Montréal, Canada, in a hybrid format, as summarized in paragraph 2 of C-WP/15388;
- c) agreed to proceed on the basis of the list of proposed documentation for HLM-LTAG as subsequently revised by the CEC and reflected in the Appendix to its oral report, on the understanding that the Small Group on HLM-LTAG (SGHLM) and CEC would have the opportunity to review and propose further revisions to the contents of the documentation as appropriate;
- d) approved the procedure for the preparation and approval of documentation for the HLM-LTAG and the subsequent process, as described in paragraph 5 of the CEC oral report, and in this connection, agreed to task the SGHLM and CEC to review documentation for the HLM-LTAG, with a view to finalizing and publishing this material by early June 2022; and
- e) took note that the Council would be convened on or around 24 August 2022 in order to finalize and approve the draft Assembly working paper on climate change, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to further review the process and timelines pertaining to the submission of documentation on this agenda item, with the aim of maximising the timeframe in which Member States would be able to submit working papers for consideration at the Assembly.

Draft Assembly working paper – Multilingualism at ICAO

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15397, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on the implementation of policies and decisions to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of language services and to promote multilingualism as a fundamental principle in the achievement of the Organization's objectives. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

9. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) recalled its recent endorsement of the ICAO Multilingualism Strategy (C-DEC 225/3, refers), and in doing so, noted with concern, the reduction in interpretation services capacity resulting from the use of virtual and hybrid meeting formats, as well as the projected reduction in translation capacity over the next triennium, and agreed that the Assembly should be invited to request ICAO to implement the ICAO Multilingualism Strategy in full; and
 - b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15397, subject to the amendments requested by the COG and its Chairperson being reflected, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of the consideration of this item, and delegated authority to the President to thereafter approve the revised working paper on its behalf, for subsequent submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.
10. It was understood that the substance of the comments made in the course of the Council's consideration of this item, including the details of the proposed amendments to the draft Assembly working paper would be reflected accordingly in the summary minutes of this meeting (C-MIN 226/1), which would be issued in due course.

Draft Assembly working paper – Status of the ICAO Workforce

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15396, which pursuant to Assembly Resolutions A24-20 and A39-30, presented a draft Assembly working paper on the status of the ICAO workforce for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

12. Following consideration, the Council:
- a) encouraged the Secretariat to explore potential measures to address the age distribution amongst ICAO staff members with a view to rejuvenating the ICAO workforce, and to promote diversity when developing a human resources strategy, including with respect to geographic representation and gender equality; and
 - b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15396, subject to the amendments requested by the COG and its Chairperson being reflected, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of the consideration of this item, including in relation to the text of the action paragraph of the Assembly working paper, and delegated authority to the President to thereafter approve the revised working paper on its behalf, for subsequent submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

13. It was understood that the substance of the comments made in the course of the Council's consideration of this item, including the details of the proposed amendments to the draft Assembly working paper would be reflected accordingly in the summary minutes of this meeting (C-MIN 226/1), which would be issued in due course.

Draft Assembly working paper – Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families

14. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15415, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on developments pertaining to assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families since the last Assembly. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

15. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its appreciation for the progress made with respect to assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families since the 40th Session of the ICAO Assembly, and in recognizing the importance of this subject, encouraged all Member States who had not already done so to establish regulations and policies to support the provision of assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families, as appropriate; and
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15415, subject to the amendments requested by the ATC being reflected, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of the consideration of this item, including to paragraph 3.1 of the text of the Assembly working paper and in relation to operative clauses 5, 6 and 7 of the draft Assembly resolution, and delegated authority to the President to thereafter approve the revised working paper on its behalf, for subsequent submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

16. It was understood that the substance of the comments made in the course of the Council's consideration of this item, including the details of the proposed amendments to the draft Assembly working paper and associated Assembly resolution would be reflected accordingly in the summary minutes of this meeting (C-MIN 226/1), which would be issued in due course.

Draft Assembly working paper – Outcome of the Ministerial Plenary of the High-level Conference on COVID-19

17. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15383, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on the outcomes of the three Ministerial Plenary Sessions held during the High-level Conference on COVID-19 (HLCC), as well as the follow-up actions being undertaken by ICAO to support greater uptake of the Declaration. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

18. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) acknowledged the importance of the Ministerial Declaration in generating firm political commitments to confronting the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and in supporting the recovery, resilience and sustainability of the aviation sector, and in this connection, agreed that the 41st Assembly should be invited to endorse the Declaration by way of emphasizing its relevance beyond the current crisis; and
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15383, subject to the amendments requested by the ATC being reflected, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of the consideration of this item, and delegated authority to the President to thereafter approve the revised working paper on its behalf, for subsequent submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

19. It was understood the substance of the comments made in the course of the Council's consideration of this item, including the details of the proposed amendments to the draft Assembly working paper would be reflected accordingly in the summary minutes of this meeting (C-MIN 226/1), which would be issued in due course.

Draft Assembly working paper – Developments Pertaining to Annex 9 – *Facilitation*

20. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15377, which presented a draft Assembly working paper report on developments pertaining to Annex 9 — *Facilitation* since the last Assembly, as well as the intended priorities and outcomes for the next triennium. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

21. Following consideration, the Council noted the positive developments presented in the draft Assembly working paper, as well as the importance of the priorities and expected outcomes for the next triennium, and in so doing, approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15377 for submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

Progress achieved by the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC)

22. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report presented by the Chairperson of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC), as well as introductory remarks from the Representative of Canada.

23. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information provided by the RHCC, including in relation to the status of issues under consideration by the Committee;
- b) also took note of the supplementary information from the Delegation of Canada on behalf of the Host State concerning the recent changes to the COVID-19 related local public health directives, including the announcement by the Government of Québec ending mandatory teleworking arrangements, and in this connection, further noted the guidelines that had been put in place to facilitate the gradual return to the office of ICAO staff, and the associated Occupational Health and Safety Recommendations which had been circulated to both the Secretariat and all Delegations; and
- c) reiterated its gratitude to the Host State authorities for their continued assurances to facilitate the issuance of Canadian entry visas to support the participation by all Member States to the 41st Session of the Assembly and other high-level meetings at Headquarters, and in this regard, noted the commitment of the Government of Canada to allow all duly-accredited delegates to enter the country, and that delegates' vaccination status would not be an impediment to their attendance at high-level ICAO meetings.

Any other business

Appointment of Members and Alternates on the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)

24. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 28 March 2022, to the President of the Council's email dated 21 March 2022, Mr. Adel H. Alaufi, from the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, had been appointed to serve as Member on the ANC to succeed Mr. Alwaleed Abdulaziz Alenzi who will henceforth serve as his Alternate, with effect from 25 March 2022.

25. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 25 March 2022, to the President of the Council's email dated 18 March 2022, Mr. Frizo Vormer, from Australia, had been appointed to serve as Member on the ANC to succeed Mr. Andrew Tiede, with effect from 18 March 2022.

Request from Observers to participate in closed meetings of the Council

26. It was noted that pursuant to email notifications circulated by the President of the Council in March and April 2022, and in accordance with Rule 32 a) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, Ms. Delphine Micheaux Naudet (European Union), Mr. Michael Rossell and, in his absence Ms. Nathalie Herbelles, (ACI), Mr. Nico Voorbach (CANSO), Mr. Michael Comber (IATA), Mr. Andreas Meyer (IBAC), and Mr. Daniel Carnelly and Ms. Nina Brooks (ICCAIA), had been invited to participate as Observers during the 226th Session of the Council's consideration in closed session, of items related to aviation safety and security, as appropriate.

Council working papers presented for information

27. As the President of the Council had not received any requests to have the following information papers tabled for consideration, it was considered that the Council had noted the information provided therein:

- C-WP/15403 – *Financial Situation of the Organization*
- C-WP/15404 – *Report on publications for 2021*

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