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## COUNCIL — 226TH SESSION

### SECOND MEETING

(HYBRID MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2022, AT 1000 HOURS)

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

#### OPEN MEETING

#### **Draft Assembly working paper – United Nations 2030 Agenda – Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15357, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on activities undertaken by ICAO in support of the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and on the cooperation and partnerships with Member States and other United Nations entities in order to achieve related targets. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).
2. Following consideration, the Council:
  - a) welcomed the efforts made by ICAO to contribute to the achievement of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and in advocating for the role of aviation as an enabler of the UN SDGs, in line with Assembly Resolution A40-21: *Aviation contribution towards the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*; and
  - b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15357, subject to the amendments requested by the COG 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 operative clauses of the proposed 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.

#### **Amendments to the ICAO Policy on Secondment**

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15409, which pursuant to C-DEC 223/4, presented proposed amendments to the ICAO *Policy on Secondment*. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).
4. Following consideration, the Council:
  - a) approved the proposed amendments to the *ICAO Policy on Secondment*, as further revised by the COG and appended to its oral report, and requested that the Secretariat

ensure that any consequential amendments arising from these changes to the *Policy on Secondment* also be reflected in the relevant provisions in the *ICAO Service Code*;

- b) agreed that all secondment opportunities should be published on the ICAO public website in order to maximize the visibility and provide equal opportunity to all Member States, and in so doing, requested the Secretariat to publish the names of the entities sponsoring appointed candidates on the Council website, together with a longer range forecast of future secondment opportunities in order to facilitate the long-term planning in this regard by Member States;
- c) requested the Secretariat to review existing provisions relating to the administration of the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) programme, including potential co-funding options;
- d) further requested the Secretariat to review from a legal point of view the language used in the amendment of the text of paragraph 12.1 of the *ICAO Policy on Secondment*, in order to ascertain whether the revised language introduced any unintended rigidity or inconsistency vis-à-vis the potential eligibility of seconded personnel in the ICAO recruitment process, and in this connection, agreed that should additional amendments to the language of this text be necessary, these would be approved by the President of the Council acting under delegated authority;
- e) agreed that further consideration was needed on whether the cooling-off period described in paragraph 6.4 of the *ICAO Policy on Secondment* could be waived on an exceptional basis by the Secretary General, in line with the views raised by the COG in its oral report and by the Council over the course of its discussion, and how this policy would apply to ANC Commissioners who were serving as Alternate Representatives to the Council, and in this connection, invited the COG with the support of the Secretariat to undertake a further review of these issues with the aim of finalizing additional amendments thereon; and
- f) requested the Secretariat to provide a report to the Council during its 229th Session on the implementation of the revised *ICAO Policy on Secondment*, including any lessons learned.

### **Fundamental Rights of Passengers at International Airports**

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15420, presented by the Chairperson of the Council Small Working Group (SWG) on Rights of Travellers at Airports, which reported on the work undertaken by the Small Working Group (SWG) to define a problem statement on the issue of passenger rights at airports. The Council also had for consideration a joint oral report thereon from the Air Transport (ATC) and Aviation Security Committees (ASC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) noted, with satisfaction, the work carried out by the SWG to review the fundamental rights of passengers traveling through international airports, and in reaffirming that the principles of human dignity, non-discrimination, data protection and right of effective remedy needed to be respected during passengers' various interactions with authorities at international airports;

- b) agreed on the need to ensure that ICAO policies, practices and guidelines with respect to aviation security and facilitation were consistent with these fundamental rights and principles, and in so doing, requested the Secretariat to inform the Chairpersons of the Aviation Security (AVSEC) and Facilitation (FAL) Panels of this decision and to consult with them in terms of next steps, including in particular in relation to the issues outlined in paragraph 4 of C-WP/15420, with a view to these Panels providing an update on this work as part of their future reports to the Council;
- c) requested the Secretariat to prepare an Information Paper on this item that would be presented to the 41st Session of the Assembly, with a view to raising levels of awareness among Member States of the importance of this issue; and
- d) expressed appreciation to the SWG for having concluded its tasks in an effective and timely manner, and in this connection, agreed to disband the SWG accordingly.

**Recommendations of the Joint Support Committee related to items under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreements reviewed during the 226th Session**

7. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15385, which presented the recommendations of the Joint Support Committee (JSC) on items under the Danish and Icelandic Joint Financing Agreements.

8. Following consideration, the Council approved the actions recommended by the JSC, as outlined in the Executive Summary of JS-WP/2120.

**Report of the Eleventh Session of the Statistics Division (STA/11)**

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15384, which reported on the results of the Eleventh Session of the Statistics Division (STA/11), held virtually from 4 to 8 April 2022. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Air Transport Committee (ATC).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Eleventh Session of the Statistics Division (STA/11), as presented in the Appendix to C-WP/15384; and
- b) requested the Secretariat to continue its work in the field of aviation and data analysis, in line with the STA/11 conclusions and recommendations.

**Draft Assembly working paper – Report on the ICAO Year of Security Culture (YOSC) 2021**

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15381, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on the ICAO Year of Security Culture (YOSC) 2021 and highlighted the various ICAO security culture tools and resources that had been developed. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) recognized the work undertaken by Member States, the aviation industry and other stakeholders in support of the YOSC, and in welcoming the achievements under this initiative, agreed that efforts to promote a positive security culture should continue, including as an integral part of ICAO's aviation security training and assistance programmes; and
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15381 for submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

**Draft Assembly working paper – Report on the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan)**

13. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15378, which presented a draft Assembly working paper on developments relating to the implementation of the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan). The Council also had for consideration a joint oral report thereon from the Air Transport (ATC) and Aviation Security Committees (ASC).

14. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) reaffirmed its support for the AFI SECFAL Plan, and welcomed the positive results which continued to be achieved through the implementation of the Plan, despite the limited resources and the recent challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15378, subject to the comments raised by the ATC and ASC being taken into account, including the proposed amendments referred to in paragraph 3 of the oral report, 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 ICAO Assembly.

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