



COUNCIL — 226TH SESSION

THIRD MEETING

(HYBRID MEETING ON FRIDAY, 27 MAY 2022 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Draft Assembly working paper – Consolidated Statement of Continuing ICAO Policies related to Aviation Security

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15380, which presented a draft Assembly working paper containing proposed revisions to Assembly Resolution A40-11: *Consolidated statement of continuing ICAO policies related to aviation security* in light of developments since the last Assembly. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15380, subject to the editorial amendments requested by the ASC being reflected, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of its consideration of this item, including in relation to the amended text of Appendices A, C, D, and E, 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;
 - b) underlined the need for greater consistency in the terminology used within the operative clauses of ICAO Assembly Resolutions; and
 - c) took note of the ongoing evolution of the concepts of “unlawful interference” and “aviation security”, and in this connection, agreed that more time in the future would be necessary to reflect on how this evolution has played a constructive role in the economic development of countries and specifically in how civil aviation contributes in a positive way to the universal principles of peace and international cooperation.
3. 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 226/3), which would be issued in due course.

Report on Technical Cooperation Programme Development for 2021 and update of Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) income and expenditures for 2022

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15352, which presented a report on the financial and operational performance results of the Technical Cooperation Programme for the year ending 31 December 2021, as well as an update of the Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) Fund budgetary estimates for 2022. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Support Committee (TCC).

5. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the operational and financial performance results of the Technical Cooperation Programme for 2021, as well as the revised 2022 Technical Cooperation Programme forecast and Administrative and Operational Services Cost (AOSC) projected results;
- b) reiterated its concerns over the declining trend of the Technical Cooperation Programme implementation volume and ongoing depletion of the financial balance of the AOSC Fund, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to continue to explore options to strengthen and expand the scope of TCB, with a view to increasing its contribution across all ICAO Strategic Objectives in providing project management for implementation support activities, thereby reinforcing the Bureau as the implementing entity for the Organization, in line with the new *ICAO Implementation Support Provided to States Policy*; and
- c) requested that projections for 2023 and 2024 to support the Technical Cooperation Bureau's sustainability be reported during the next session of the Council.

Draft Assembly working paper – ICAO's Technical Assistance Programme

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15354, which presented a draft Assembly working paper that provided a report on the ICAO Technical Assistance Programme. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Support Committee (TCC).

7. Following consideration, the Council approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15354, subject to the amendments requested by the TCC being reflected, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of its consideration of this item, including in relation to the title of this 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.

8. 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 226/3), which would be issued in due course.

Draft Assembly working paper – ICAO's Technical Cooperation Programme – Policy and Activities

9. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15355 and Corrigendum No.1, which presented a draft Assembly working paper that provided a general overview of the Technical

Cooperation Programme activities undertaken during the current triennium The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Support Committee (TCC).

10. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) acknowledged the work undertaken by the Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB) throughout the current triennium to improve its performance, including through the implementation of its revenue diversification strategy, and noted that despite ongoing challenges, progress continued to be made toward achieving better financial results and ensuring the long-term sustainability of TCB;
- b) recalled its preceding decision on the Technical Cooperation Programme Development (C-WP/15352 refers), and in this connection, reiterated the importance of reinforcing internal coordination and collaboration between TCB and the other Bureaux, with a view to supporting TCB as ICAO's main implementing entity; and
- c) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15355, as revised by the TCC and appended to its oral report, for submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly.

Draft Assembly working paper – ICAO Civil Aviation Training and Capacity Building

11. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15356, which presented a draft Assembly working paper that provided a summary of Global Aviation Training (GAT) activities undertaken since the 40th Session of the Assembly, as well as its priorities and projects to support Member States during the next triennium. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Technical Cooperation and Implementation Support Committee (TCC).

12. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) commended the efforts of the Global Aviation Training (GAT) Section to overcome the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in order to continue to achieve positive results and support Member States, and recognized the innovative initiatives and financial incentives implemented by GAT during the current triennium to improve access to training and ensure greater inclusivity, including with respect to gender and geographical balance; and
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15356, subject to the amendments requested by the TCC being reflected, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of its consideration of this item, including in relation to updating the information contained in paragraph 3.6 of the draft Assembly working paper related to the Programmes provided by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, 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.

Financial Year 2021 – Report on the Carry Over

13. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15361, which provided the status of authorized appropriation of the Regular Budget for the financial year 2021, and a summary report on the use

of the Operational Reserve as at December 2021. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC).

14. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the carry-over of CAD 0.5 million of unspent appropriation for the financial year 2021, to be allocated to the Operational Reserve as one of the funding sources for the 2023-2024-2025 triennium, and in this connection, reaffirmed the importance of linking the Business Plan to the overall implementation and allocation of the available carryover; and
- b) took note of the status of implementation of the Operational Reserve as at 31 December 2021.

Draft Assembly working paper – Disposition of cash surplus/deficit

15. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15364, which presented a draft Assembly working paper that provided a report on the status of cash surplus/deficit, as at 31 December 2021. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC).

16. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15364 for submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly; and
- b) took note that the cash deficit position of CAD 11.0 million as at 31 December 2021, was temporary pending the payment of assessments in arrears by Member States.

Draft Assembly working paper – Level of the Working Capital Fund

17. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15365, which presented a draft Assembly working paper that provided a report on the adequacy of the current level of the Working Capital Fund (WCF), and on the appropriation of the level of the borrowing authority as requested by the Assembly in Resolving Clause 2 of Resolution A40-31.

18. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15365, as well as the associated draft Resolution, subject to the amendments requested by the FIC being reflected, 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; and
- b) requested the Secretariat to perform a legal assessment with respect to the borrowing authority, taking into consideration alternative solutions and possible impacts on States;

Draft Assembly working paper – Financial aspects of the question of contributions in arrears and Incentive Scheme for the settlement of long-outstanding arrears

19. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15366, which presented a draft Assembly working paper that provided a report on the status of contributions in arrears as at 31 March 2022 and its impact on Member States' voting powers at the Assembly, as well as information on the impact of delays in the receipt of contributions, collection efforts, and the incentive scheme for the settlement of arrears.

20. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) reiterated that the timely payment of assessments remained a priority in order to ensure that ICAO could continue to sustain its operations effectively;
- b) agreed to retain the existing measures stipulated in Resolution A39-31, and in this connection, urged Member States, particularly those with instalment agreements in place, to settle their arrears; and
- c) took note of the information contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15366 pertaining to the list of Member States that are currently in financial arrears, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to explore the option of directly engaging with these Member States with a view to achieving an improvement in the overall financial situation in advance of the 41st Session of the Assembly; and
- d) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15366 for submission to the 41st Session of the Assembly, it being understood that the information contained in Appendix C thereof would be updated in advance of the 41st Session of the Assembly.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) for 2021 and Work Programme for 2022

21. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15405, which reported on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) in 2021 and outlined the topics to be reviewed by the JIU in 2022. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

22. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15405, as well as the associated COG oral report thereon;
- b) requested the Secretariat to continue to keep both the COG and the Council informed of developments in relation to changes in approaches to working methods within the United Nations system and how these might facilitate an improvement in the overall gender balance ratio within the Secretariat; and
- c) agreed that in line with the current practice, reports of the JIU should in the first instance continue to be referred to the COG for review and subsequent recommendation to the Council, as appropriate.

Report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled “Blockchain applications in the United Nations system: towards a state of readiness”

23. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15406, which outlined the recommendations and key findings from the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) report entitled “Blockchain applications in the United Nations system: towards a state of readiness”, and provided the comments of the United Nations Chief Executive Board (CEB) and response of the ICAO Secretariat. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

24. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15406, as well as the associated COG oral report thereon, including in particular the ICAO responses to the recommendations 2, 3, 4 and 8, as reflected in the Appendix to the working paper;
- b) agreed that the column in the Appendix that was currently reflected as “ICAO Secretariat Response to Recommendations”, should henceforth be changed to be reflected as “ICAO response to recommendations”;
- c) agreed that recommendations 1 and 6, as contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15406 were to be reflected as “accepted”; and
- d) requested the Secretariat to consider potential future opportunities for integrating Blockchain technologies, within the context of the work to be undertaken on Digital Transformation, under the newly established Transformational Objective.

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