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COUNCIL — 226TH SESSION

NINTH MEETING

(HYBRID MEETING ON FRIDAY, 10 JUNE 2022 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Financial Statements and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 2021

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15362 and Addenda Nos. 1 & 2, which presented the audited Financial Statements of the Organization for the year ended 31 December 2021, 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 PowerPoint presentation by the External Auditor.
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) expressed appreciation to the representatives of the Swiss Federal Audit Office (SFAO) for their comprehensive report and for the additional clarifications provided, as well as to the Secretariat for the transparency and improvements made to the 2021 Financial Statements;
 - b) noted with satisfaction the External Auditor's unqualified opinion on the Organization's Financial Statements for the financial year 2021, and expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations, notwithstanding the concerns raised in relation to the IT security issues identified by the External Auditor and the low implementation rate of IT-related recommendations;
 - c) approved the submission of the financial audit reports listed in the Executive Summary of C-WP/15362 to the next ordinary session of the Assembly for approval;
 - d) approved the use of the text of the draft Resolution as attached to C-WP/15362, for the consolidated draft Resolution for the financial years 2019, 2020 and 2021, subject to the amendments requested by the FIC being reflected therein; and
 - e) noted the Plan of Action contained in the annex to C-WP/15362.

Performance Audit on Project Management “NAM19801” of the ICAO Technical Cooperation Programme

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15423, which presented a report of the External Auditor on the Performance Audit on Project Management “NAM19801” of the ICAO Technical Cooperation Programme, which aimed to examine and evaluate the Technical Cooperation Bureau (TCB)’s project management and its processes, using as an example the Namibia technical cooperation project entitled "Preparation of the ICAO USOAP CMA Audit" (NAM19801), implemented

between March 2020 and April 2021. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG), as well as a PowerPoint presentation by the External Auditor. In doing so, the Council agreed to waive the requirement in Rule 26 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, given that the COG oral report had not been made available 72 hours before this meeting.

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note, with satisfaction, of the External Auditor's Performance Audit Report on project management "NAM19801", as contained in the Appendix to C-WP/15423, including the comments of the Secretary General reflected therein, and reiterated its appreciation to the External Auditor for the comprehensive and transparent report; and
- b) endorsed the recommendations and key findings outlined in the External Auditor's Performance Audit Report, and in so doing, encouraged the Secretariat to take the necessary action to address the recommendations and strengthen those areas identified for further improvement.

Draft Assembly working paper – Measures towards Gender Equality at ICAO and the Global Aviation Sector by 2030

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15395, which presented a draft Assembly working paper outlining the ongoing initiatives to improve gender equality and promote gender mainstreaming and the empowerment of women. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15395, as well as the COG oral report thereon, and in this connection, expressed its appreciation for the efforts made over the past triennium to enhance gender equality at ICAO and across the aviation sector, while also acknowledging the need to accelerate progress toward achieving this objective, including by creating an enabling working environment at ICAO, and through greater cooperation between Member States and ICAO in this regard; and
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15395, 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 with respect to the action a) as contained in the Executive Summary of the draft 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.

7. 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 226/9), which would be issued in due course.

Report of the Eleventh Meeting of the AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee (AFI SECFAL Plan SC/11)

8. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report, as well as a PowerPoint presentation, delivered by the Chairperson of the AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee.

9. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) recognized the steady progress achieved in relation to the Comprehensive Regional Implementation Plan for Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL Plan), despite the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in this connection, welcomed the resumption of on-site assistance and support activities in light of the recent easing of travel restrictions and vaccination programmes in the region;
- b) took note of the main challenges to the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan, as outlined in paragraph 3 of the oral report;
- c) endorsed the key priorities identified by the Steering Committee, as reflected in paragraph 4 of the oral report;
- d) underscored the need to strengthen project management capabilities in order to more effectively support the implementation of the AFI SECFAL Plan;
- e) reaffirmed the importance of resource mobilization efforts in support of the AFI SECFAL Plan and in this regard, encouraged Member States to continue to provide voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to support implementation efforts in the region, as well as to strengthen capacity-building activities in key areas of aviation security and facilitation; and
- f) invited the President of the Council and the Secretary General to continue to take every opportunity to highlight the priorities of the AFI SECFAL Plan in the context of their missions and meetings with high-level representatives of Member States.

Any other business

Schedule for the 226th Session

10. The Council took note that due to the President's in-person attendance at the Flight Safety Foundation Awards Ceremony in Washington D.C. on 21 June 2022 (paragraph 8 of C-DEC 226/6 refers), the meeting of the Council that was originally scheduled in the morning of 22 June 2022, would now be re-scheduled for the afternoon of the same day instead.

Informal Meetings – Mobilizing capital towards a green transition of the aviation sector

11. The Council took note that two informal meetings on this topic would be scheduled during the current session with various private sector corporations. The first informal meeting would be scheduled on the afternoon of Wednesday, 15 June 2022, while the second would be scheduled on the morning of Thursday, 23 June 2022. Both meetings would take place in the hybrid format. On the latter, it was understood that the informal meeting would be held immediately prior to the scheduled Council meeting, and that an additional meeting of the Council had been tentatively planned for the afternoon of 23 June, in the event the Council did not complete consideration of all the items scheduled that day.

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