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COUNCIL — 226TH SESSION

ELEVENTH MEETING

(HYBRID MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2022, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Draft ICAO Business Plan for 2023-2024-2025

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15412, which presented the draft ICAO Business Plan for 2023–2024–2025. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).
2. Following consideration, the Council:
 - a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15412, as well as the associated oral report by the COG;
 - b) endorsed the strategic narrative part of the Draft ICAO Business Plan 2023-2024-2025, as well as the Performance Monitoring Framework outcome indicators, as provided in Appendices A and B to C-WP/15412, respectively, subject to the amendments requested by the COG in paragraph 3 of its oral report, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of the consideration of this item, including with respect to the correction to an incorrect reference in paragraph 3 b) of the COG oral report as well as to replace the phrase “Advanced implementation” with “Active implementation” at the introductory text before paragraph 10.4.3 of Appendix A; and
 - c) underscored that the ICAO Business Plan for 2023-2024-2025, as a living document, would need to be revised on a regular basis to reflect the outcomes and decisions arising from ICAO high-level meetings, such as the 41st Session of the Assembly, as well as new priorities and contingencies that may emerge over the course of the triennium, and in this regard, recalled its decision to request the Secretary General to report any such amendments to the Council, as well as to provide an annual report, during the winter session, on the progress made to execute the Business Plan, using the Performance Monitoring Framework indicators (C-DEC 225/9, refers).
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 Business Plan would be reflected accordingly in the summary minutes of this meeting (C-MIN 226/11), which would be issued in due course.
4. On a separate matter, the Council took note of the proposal that an informal briefing be arranged on developments relating to airport/airline disruptions in the post-COVID-19 pandemic recovery

period and any potential actions that may be required by ICAO. In this connection, the Secretariat undertook to explore the possibility for this informal briefing to be convened during a future session.

Draft Assembly working paper – Proposed Draft Budget of the Organization for 2023, 2024 and 2025

5. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15360, which presented a final proposal for the draft Regular Budget estimates for the Organization for the upcoming 2023-2024-2025 triennium, as well as a draft Assembly working paper, which included the draft Budget document and a related draft Assembly Resolution. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Finance Committee (FIC).

6. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note that the final draft Regular Budget proposal totalled CAD 357.6 million, and was comprised of a Zero Nominal Growth (ZNG)-1 component amounting to CAD 341.6 million, which had been calculated using Member States' 2022 assessments as the baseline, as well as a "Plus" component of CAD 15.9 million to fund high priority deliverables related to the Transformational Objective, of which CAD 15.0 million would be funded through an increase in Member States' assessments, and the remaining balance from the Operational Reserve;
- b) underscored that the increase in Member States' assessments to fund the Transformational Objective initiatives in the amount of CAD 15.0 million was a one-time, non-precedent setting contribution that should therefore be treated as a non-consolidated amount and should not form part of the baseline used for preparing budget estimates for the 2026-2027-2028 triennium, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to also highlight this principle in the Council's "Message on the Budget of the Organization" and the Assembly Resolution, to be inserted in the final budget document in due course, taking into account the comments received during the consideration of this item¹;
- c) also noted that notwithstanding the proposed budget of CAD 357.6 million, a funding gap of CAD 7.1 million still remained, due to the significant adjustment required to the inflation assumption for the next triennium, in the amount of CAD 6.1 million, and given the additional funding needed to cover activities under the Transformational Objective as referenced in sub-paragraph a) above, and in this regard:
 - i. approved the transfer of CAD 5.6 million to the Operational Reserve from the 2022 appropriations, with the understanding that this sum included CAD 2.4 million of anticipated 2022 unutilized appropriations resulting from freezing posts, CAD 0.7 million of anticipated 2022 unutilized appropriations resulting from efficiency gains in printing services and CAD 2.5 million of unutilized 2021 appropriations to be re-prioritized towards the next triennium;
 - ii. requested the Secretariat to update the draft Assembly working paper by adding an action item requesting the Assembly to approve retaining an amount of CAD 7.1 million from the Operational Reserve as one of the funding sources for the Regular Budget of the Organization for 2023-2024-2025; and

¹ The changes to the text of the draft Assembly Resolution are reflected in the Attachment to this C-DEC.

- d) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached to C-WP/15360, including the draft Assembly Resolution appended thereto, subject to the amendments requested by the FIC, including in sub-paragraph c-ii), above, as well as the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of its consideration of this item being reflected, with a view to the revised working paper being thereafter submitted to the 41st Session of the Assembly, on the understanding that the Council's "Message on the Budget of the Organization" would be circulated shortly for approval under the "written" procedure.

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 226/11), which would be issued in due course.

Any other business

Financial and in-kind contributions from Member States

8. The Council took note of and welcomed the announcements by the Representatives of the United Kingdom, the Republic of Korea, Finland (on behalf of the NORDICAO Group of Member States), Japan and France regarding their Governments' respective voluntary financial and in-kind contributions to support the strategic priorities of the Organization, including the newly established Transformational Objective. In doing so, the Council expressed its appreciation to all the respective Governments for the generosity of their contributions.

Council President Certificates

9. The Council took note of an oral report from the President of the Council, in which it was recalled that pursuant to C-DEC 205/2, C-DEC 205/3 and C-DEC 206/7, the Council had agreed to establish the "Council President Certificates", which in the context of the *No Country Left Behind* initiative, would serve to recognise States from each ICAO region that have made significant progress in resolving their safety or security oversight deficiencies and improving the level of effective implementation (EI) of safety and/or security oversight systems in compliance with ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs). In doing so, the Council agreed to resume this practice, on the understanding that the Council President Certificates would be awarded at the forthcoming 41st Session of the Assembly based on the updated eligibility criteria outlined in the oral report. It was further noted that the cut-off date for consideration would be linked to the USAP and USOAP final reports, which are to be published by 31 July 2022.

Invitation to the Air and Space Academy to the 41st Session of the Assembly

10. The Council took note of an oral report from the President of the Council concerning a request from the Air and Space Academy (AAE), a longstanding institution based in Toulouse, France, to be included in the *List of international organizations that may be invited to attend ICAO meetings*. In this connection, it was noted that the request was pending in light of the current refinement of the process and criteria for the assessment of such requests from international organizations (C-DEC 225/3 refers). Notwithstanding the preceding and without prejudice to any future decision by the Council on the request from AAE, the Council agreed that the AAE would be added to the List of International Organizations to be invited to attend the 41st Session of the Assembly.

ATTACHMENT

Pursuant to paragraph 6 b) of this C-DEC, the Council agreed that the text of this part of the draft Assembly Resolution would be as follows:

B. *The Assembly*, with respect to the **Regular Budget**:

Recognizes the importance of the new Transformational Objective and its initiative.

Specifies that the funding through Assessments on States of an amount of CAD 14 977 000 for selected high priority Transformational Objective initiatives, for the 2023-2024-2025 triennium, is an extraordinary one-time contribution that shall be treated as a non-consolidated amount and shall not form part of the baseline used for preparing budget estimates for the 2026-2027-2028 triennium.

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