



C-DEC 226/15  
28/6/22

## **COUNCIL — 226TH SESSION**

### **FIFTEENTH MEETING**

**(HYBRID MEETING ON THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 2022, AT 1100<sup>1</sup> HOURS)**

### **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

#### **OPEN MEETING**

#### **Issues concerning the Convention on International Civil Aviation raised by the Russian Federation**

1. The Council commenced its consideration of this item on the basis of the e-mail message from the Delegation of the Russian Federation dated 30 March 2022, conveying a letter from Mr. Alexander Neradko, Head of the Russian Federal Air Transport Agency, and which was subsequently circulated to all Delegations via e-mail by the President of the Council, on 5 April 2022.

2. In noting the intention of the Russian Federation to also present a working paper on this matter to the Council during a subsequent meeting of the 226th session, on the basis of a proposal of the President, the Council agreed to defer its further consideration of this item accordingly, it being understood that said working paper would be circulated in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practice.

#### **Draft Assembly working paper – Unannounced Missile Launches**

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15426, which pursuant to C-DEC 226/5, presented a draft Assembly working paper reporting on recurring unannounced missile launches by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), constituting an infraction of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* under Article 54 k) of the Convention. In doing so, the Council agreed to waive the requirement in Rule 26 of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, given that the working paper had not been made available in all languages at least five working days before this meeting.

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15426;
- b) approved the draft Assembly working paper attached thereto, subject to the changes agreed on by the Council in the course of its consideration of this item being reflected, including with respect to:
  - i. updating the list provided in Appendix A to reflect additional launches based on information to be provided to the Secretariat;

---

<sup>1</sup> The meeting of the Council commenced following the conclusion of an informal meeting, “Mobilizing Capital for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) by Rolls Royce and Shell plc” (PRES Memo SS/3347, refers).

- ii. adding a preambular clause in the draft Assembly Resolution starting with the term “*considering*”, to affirm that the Council had remained seized of the matter in the intervening period between 2017 and 2022 and to highlight the actions taken by ICAO in that regard;
  - iii. refining the language used in operative clause 1 of the draft Assembly Resolution contained in Appendix B as necessary, in order to avoid any potential misinterpretation of the text; and
  - iv. modifying the actions identified for the Assembly in the Executive Summary of the working paper, in line with paragraph 5.2 thereof; and
- c) 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.

5. 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 226/15), which would be issued in due course.

### **Work Programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 227th Session**

6. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15369, which presented the work programmes of the Council and its Committees for the 227th Session. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

7. With respect to the schedule for the 227th Session, the Council recalled its recent decision through the “silence” procedure to adjust the dates for the 227th Council Session in order to take into account the revised timeframe for the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly (27 September to 7 October 2022). As such, the Council noted that the Committee Phase would now be convened from 24 October to 4 November 2022, while the dates of the Council phase would remain unchanged.

8. The Council agreed to the proposed amendment to the COG work programme for the 227th Session as outlined in paragraph 3 of the COG oral report. The Council also took note that the item relating to lessons learned from the reconstituted Council Committee structure, which pursuant to C-DEC 223/3 had been envisaged for the 227th Session, would instead be presented during the 228th Session.

9. Subject to the above outlined amendments, the Council approved the Work Programme of the Council and its Committees as presented in C-WP/15369. It was also understood that the decisions taken by the Council over the course of the current Session that affect the Work Programme for the 227th Session in terms of supplementary items, amendments to existing items, or deferrals of items, and that are not currently reflected, would be incorporated in a revised version of C-WP/15369, which would be issued in due course.

10. The Council also noted the proposed list of informal briefings to take place during the 227th Session, as appended to the COG oral report, and in so doing, agreed that all briefings should preferably be scheduled during the Committee phase of the session, and not the Council phase. The Council reiterated that as far as practicable, meetings of the Committees should occur during the Committee phase of the session and not during the Council phase, and underlined that this was especially relevant in the context of the 227th Session, given the two-week timeframe to complete the Council phase.

### **Any other business**

### **Financial contribution from Saudi Arabia**

11. The Council took note of and welcomed the statement delivered by the Alternate Representative of Saudi Arabia in which it was announced that the Government of Saudi Arabia would be making a voluntary financial contribution of USD \$1,000,000 to support the activities and projects under the *No Country Left Behind Initiative* (NCLB).

### **New Understanding between ICAO and the Government of Québec**

12. The Council noted the information presented by the Secretary General to advise that the new *Understanding between the International Civil Aviation Organization and the Government of Quebec concerning the immunities, exemptions and courtesy privileges extended to the Organization, to its Officials, to Member State and to Members of a Permanent Representation to the Organization*, which had been signed previously on 26 June 2018, would come into effect on 1 July 2022.

### **Farewell to a Representative**

13. The Council bade farewell to the Representative of the United States (Ambassador Chesley Burnett Sullenberger).

### **Calendar of meetings**

14. It was recalled that the Sixteenth Meeting of the current session would be scheduled for Monday, 18 July 2022.

— END —