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COUNCIL — 227TH SESSION

FOURTH MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2022, AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Recommendations by the Technical Advisory Body (TAB) on CORSIA eligible emission units

1. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15451, which presented TAB's recommendations on CORSIA eligible emissions units, resulting from its assessment of new applications, as well as the material procedural changes submitted by one programme. The working paper also provided TAB's recommendations regarding the relevant outcomes of UNFCCC COP26 in relation to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, including their linkages and implications to the CORSIA Emissions Units Criteria (EUC), in accordance with C-DEC 225/11. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

2. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed appreciation to the TAB for their independent and professional report on their assessments of applicants and the analyses on CORSIA emissions unit supplies, as well as the UNFCCC COP26 decisions relating to markets and its effect on the CORSIA Emissions Unit Criteria (EUC);
- b) accepted the TAB recommendations from the assessment of the seven new applications and the material procedural changes submitted by one emissions unit programme and its consequential immediate eligibility, for the pilot phase (2021 to 2023 compliance cycle), as set out in paragraph 2 and Appendix B (TAB Report, Section 4) of C-WP/15451;
- c) accordingly, approved the proposed updates to the ICAO document *CORSIA Eligible Emissions Unit*, with the newly eligible emissions unit programme, as set out in Appendix A of C-WP/15451;
- d) requested the TAB to establish a feedback mechanism to inform applicants on the results of the TAB's assessment and the specific conditions required for eligibility qualification;

- e) noted the updates on the TAB's analysis of the potential supply of CORSIA eligible emissions units based on existing eligible programmes, as provided in paragraph 3 and Appendix B (TAB Report, Section 5) of C-WP/15451, and requested TAB to continue providing updates on supply, including the geographical coverage of projects under the programmes;
- f) requested CAEP, with the support of the Secretariat and inputs from TAB, to continue to provide Council with regular reports on the assessment of the overall supply, demand and price trends of CORSIA eligible emissions units in future phases;
- g) took note of the TAB's findings on the broad consistency between the relevant outcomes of the UNFCCC COP26 decision relating to Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, as described in paragraph 4 and Appendix B (TAB Report, Section 6) of C-WP/15451, with the TAB's approach to assessing emissions unit programmes based on the CORSIA Emissions Unit Criteria (EUC), and in this connection, also requested CAEP to consider relevant information on the TAB's interpretation of the CORSIA EUC and their guidelines, as part of CAEP's further work on the EUC;
- h) accepted the TAB's recommendation to maintain the 2016 crediting period as the unit eligibility start date for the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and other eligible programmes for the CORSIA pilot phase, without any change, and requested CAEP to consider in due course TAB's analysis of the vintage options for the first phase onwards and report to Council, taking a holistic view, including the consideration of supplies, demands and geographical coverage; and
- i) noted that the TAB had commenced work to assess eligible emissions unit programmes for the first phase (2024 to 2026 compliance cycle) starting with the re-assessment of existing programmes, and would report its recommendations in this regard to the Council during the 228th Session, including on whether to apply the 2021 vintage start date, in addition to the existing 2016 crediting start date parameter.

Environmental protection – Recent developments in ICAO and other United Nations bodies and international organizations

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15449, which presented the recent developments in ICAO and other United Nations bodies and international organizations in the field of aviation and the environment, including the results of the 41st Session of the ICAO Assembly. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

4. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) emphasized the importance of having detailed discussions during the 228th Session of the Council regarding the work programme for the implementation of Resolutions on the environment adopted by the 41st ICAO Assembly for the coming triennium, including with respect to key milestones and resources required, while bearing in mind the delicately-balanced nature of some provisions in the Resolutions;
- b) recognized the importance of the means of implementation to achieve the long-term global aspirational goal for international aviation (LTAG), highlighting the consideration of the establishment of a climate finance initiative or funding mechanism

under ICAO while addressing the possible financial, institutional and legal challenges, as well as the critical role of non-State stakeholders and financial organizations to facilitate better access to financing for aviation CO₂ reduction projects, and the importance of contributions to the ICAO Environment Fund to support implementation, including SAF feasibility studies in interested States, as well as to explore establishing a SAF accounting and reporting system as part of methodologies to monitor the LTAG progress;

- c) agreed, in principle, to convene CAAF/3, toward the end of 2023, and tentatively from 22 to 25 November 2023, to allow for more time and resources for the preparatory technical work, as well as outreach and consultation with Member States and the industry, prior to CAAF/3, noting the UNFCCC COP28 would be held in UAE from 30 November to 12 December 2023, and in doing so, endorsed the preliminary timeline of preparatory activities for CAAF/3, as presented by the Secretariat;
- d) requested the Secretariat to expand the list of organizations invited to participate in CAAF/3, as contained in Appendix B, in order to include international financial institutions, energy agencies and standards-making organisations, as their contributions to the discussions during the Conference would be useful;
- e) agreed on the importance of Council's involvement in the CAAF/3 preparatory process in order to consider the content, deliverables and level of representation of the Conference, and in this connection, requested the Secretariat to prepare a detailed plan on the preparations of CAAF/3, to be presented for consideration at the 228th Session, on the understanding that the points raised by the CEC in this regard would be taken into account;
- f) took note of the information presented by the President of the Council with respect to his attendance at the UNFCCC COP27, and in this connection, invited both the President of the Council and the Secretary General to continue their efforts to cultivate high-level and strategic partnerships with other UN bodies and international and regional financial institutions, with a view to supporting the successful implementation of the LTAG and enhancing the visibility of the ICAO's achievements; and
- g) invited the President of the Council, together with the Secretariat, to consider options for convening a high-level forum on climate financing with relevant institutions for the implementation of the LTAG, with a view to submitting a proposal in this regard to the Council for consideration, in due course.

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