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COUNCIL — EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

(THE GRAND BALLROOM, CHICAGO HILTON, THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2024 AT 0900 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Welcome

1. The President of the Council and the Secretary General welcomed the Council and all participants to the Extraordinary Session of the Council that had been convened to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the signing of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* (Chicago Convention).
2. The Council also extended a warm welcome to the newly appointed Representative of Chile (Ms. Paola Alejandra Uribe Raibaudi).

Statements by high-level dignitaries

3. Statements to honour the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the signing of the Chicago Convention were delivered by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Affairs of the United States Department of State, Ms. Heidi Gómez, as well as the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration of the United States, Mr. Michael Whitaker. A statement from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. António Guterres, was also delivered on his behalf by the ICAO Secretary General.

Resolution of the Council to mark the 80th Anniversary of the signing of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*

4. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15642, which presented a Resolution for adoption by the Council to mark the 80th Anniversary of the signing of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*.
5. The Council was united in expressing its support for the Resolution, as appended to C-WP/15642, with statements delivered to that effect by all 36 States represented on the Council.
6. The Council also welcomed the joint video statement delivered by the Directors General of Civil Aviation of the Member States of the South America (SAM) Region, as well as the additional statements presented by the Delegations of Guyana and Ukraine, respectively, as non-Council Member States.
7. Following its consideration, the Council, on the proposal of the Representative of Mexico, adopted the Resolution unanimously. The Resolution recognized the invaluable contributions that had been made by civil aviation over the past 80 years, and reaffirmed the Organization's commitment to delivering on its strategic goals and objectives, and to continuing to play a leadership role in fostering global partnerships in order to address the current and future challenges facing international civil aviation. The full text of the Council Resolution is reproduced in the Appendix to this C-DEC.

Statements by Observer organizations

8. The Council then noted, with appreciation, the statements of support delivered by the Observers from the European Union (EU), the Air Crash Victims' Families Federation International (ACVFFI), the Airports Council International (ACI), the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), the International Business Aviation Council (IBAC), the International Coordinating Council of Aerospace Industry Associations (ICCAIA), the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) and the Air Transport Action Group (ATAG).

Farewell to a Council Representative

9. The Council bade farewell to the Representative of Japan (Ambassador Takeshi Akamatsu).

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APPENDIX

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ICAO COUNCIL TO MARK THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE *CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION*

Acknowledging that 7 December 2024 marks the Eightieth Anniversary of the signing in Chicago of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago Convention)*;

Convinced that the fundamental aims, objectives and principles of the Chicago Convention remain as relevant today as when they were conceived eighty years ago;

Recognizing that the growth of civil aviation has been made possible through the unwavering commitment and cooperation of the international community in adhering to the principle set out in the Preamble to the Chicago Convention that international civil aviation can greatly help to create and preserve friendship and understanding among the nations and peoples of the world;

Determined to work to ensure that the development of safe, secure, sustainable and accessible international civil aviation will continue to promote global peace and security, social integration, economic prosperity and sustainable development for future generations;

Considering that the rapid acceleration in the growth of the aviation sector and the exponential increase in the number of passengers, as well as in the volume of cargo are expected to pose challenges for the sector, and that ICAO, in collaboration with its partners, must set ambitious goals to deliver on the promise of Safe Skies: Sustainable Future;

Affirming that through its normative work, oversight, and capacity development, and as illustrated by the successful implementation of the *No Country Left Behind* (NCLB) initiative supporting the development of air transport, ICAO facilitates international civil aviation that is safe, secure, efficient, economically sound and viable, socially and environmentally sustainable, and focussed on the passenger;

Recognizing the significant contributions that ICAO has made and must continue to make to global efforts to address the adverse environmental impacts that are related to civil aviation activity and combat climate change;

Affirming that ICAO will continue to play an essential role as a global forum for fostering consensus and multilateral cooperation among Member States and the international civil aviation community, while upholding the rules-based system on which the Organization was founded, in order to ensure that the international civil aviation legal framework remains responsive to emerging challenges and opportunities;

The Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), on the occasion of this 80th Anniversary of the signing of the Chicago Convention:

1. *Pays tribute* to the leadership, vision and cooperative spirit of the signatories to the Chicago Convention and to all those who contribute to the development of international civil aviation;
2. *Reiterates* the need for ICAO to continue to take a leadership role in the development and support for the principles, standards, and agreements for the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation;

3. *Welcomes* efforts to strengthen the Organization's ability to respond in an effective and equitable manner to the challenges facing international civil aviation, while pursuing ambitious, long-term goals, as stated in the ICAO Strategic Plan 2026–2050, aimed at supporting a safer, more secure, accessible, economically sound and viable, efficient, affordable and environmentally sustainable international civil aviation system, on the basis of equal opportunity and amidst ever-increasing global demand;
4. *Pledges* to continue to work together with Member States and the global civil aviation community in order to build partnerships and promote best practices that foster a more resilient, inclusive and diverse aviation sector, while ensuring that international civil aviation will continue to contribute to the achievement of the relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
5. *Encourages* all Member States and stakeholders to accelerate progress towards an environmentally sustainable, low-emissions, and energy efficient civil aviation sector, including the long-term aspirational goal (LTAG) to reach net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, as well as through the Global Framework for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), Lower Carbon Aviation Fuels (LCAF) and other aviation cleaner energies;
6. *Urges* Member States, the industry, international organizations, financial institutions, donors, and other stakeholders to coordinate and cooperate amongst themselves and through ICAO, to support the implementation of assistance activities to States in need, in line with established global and regional priorities, while emphasizing the importance of long-term strategies, stakeholder partnerships and multilateral mechanisms to support these efforts, consistent with ICAO Assembly Resolutions;
7. *Recognizes* the important role of women in the aviation sector and commits to promoting their engagement at all levels as part of an inclusive and equitable approach that fosters diversity in decision-making and management of the sector;
8. *Recognizes* the important role that innovation will play in the future of aviation and commits to employing and developing all available measures, as well as promoting the participation of new entrants in the sector to maximise its potential in strengthening aviation safety, efficiency, security, facilitation, affordability, and economic and environmental sustainability for the benefit of future generations;
9. *Calls upon* all ICAO Member States to continue to promote and adhere to the objectives and principles of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* and comply fully with its provisions; and
10. *Requests* the Secretary General to bring this resolution to the attention of all Member States, the partner organizations of the United Nations system and all other relevant stakeholders.

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