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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AGENDA ITEM 16

(Presented by the Chairman of the Executive Committee)

The attached report on Agenda Item 16 has been approved by the Executive Committee. Resolution 16/... is recommended for adoption by the Plenary.

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Agenda Item 16: Cooperation with regional bodies

16.1 The Executive Committee, at its fifth meeting, considered WP/28 – *Cooperation with Regional Organizations and Regional Civil Aviation Bodies* – and approved a draft Resolution as contained in Appendix C for presentation to the Assembly for adoption.

16.2 The Committee noted that ICAO had already concluded arrangements of cooperation with regional organizations and regional civil aviation bodies and that such cooperation will extend to other regional and sub-regional bodies as well as to inter-regional cooperation, as appropriate.

16.3 It was also noted that ICAO will encourage and support regional partnerships in civil aviation, particularly in the Asia/Pacific region.

Resolution 16/..: Cooperation with regional organizations and regional civil aviation bodies

Whereas Resolution A1-10, which was adopted at the first Assembly in 1947 and is still applicable, authorizes the Council to make appropriate arrangements with public international organizations whose activities affect international civil aviation, through informal working arrangements, wherever practicable;

Whereas Resolution A27-17, pertaining to the relationship between ICAO and the regional civil aviation bodies states, inter alia, that ICAO supports the work and activities of any existing or future regional civil aviation bodies and directs the Council to conclude with each civil aviation body appropriate working arrangements;

Whereas in pursuance of these Resolutions, ICAO has developed various arrangements of cooperation with the regional civil aviation bodies;

Whereas ICAO's Policy on Regional Cooperation provides that ICAO is committed to render assistance, advice and other forms of support, to the extent possible, to Contracting States in carrying out their responsibilities pertaining to the Convention on International Civil Aviation and ICAO Strategic Objectives; and

Whereas ICAO will implement its Policy on Regional Cooperation through close partnerships with regional organizations and regional civil aviation bodies;

The Assembly:

1. *Endorses* ICAO's Policy and Framework on Regional Cooperation;
2. *Encourages* regional organizations and regional civil aviation bodies to enter into suitable arrangements with ICAO, in accordance with ICAO's Policy and Framework on Regional Cooperation;
3. *Urges* States to support their regional organizations and regional civil aviation bodies in entering into suitable arrangements with ICAO;

4. *Encourages* States to implement Standards and Recommended Practices of the Annexes to the Convention on International Civil Aviation both individually and through regional cooperation;
5. *Encourages* States which do not have a regional body to endeavour to form one;
6. *Directs* the Council to ensure, through cooperative arrangements, that both ICAO and the regional civil aviation bodies encourage States to harmonize operational regulations, requirements and procedures based on Standards and Recommended Practices;
7. *Requests* the Secretary General to implement the Action Plan approved by the Council to improve cooperation with regional organizations and regional civil aviation bodies;
8. *Requests* the Secretary General to establish a synergy between ICAO and each regional civil aviation body in accordance with arrangements as reflected by Memoranda of Cooperation concluded by them, thereby obviating duplication of work;
9. *Requests* the Secretary General to organize periodic meetings between ICAO and the regional civil aviation bodies and periodic examination of progress; and
10. *Requests* that the Council deliver to the next ordinary session of the Assembly a report on the overall implementation of ICAO's Policy on Regional Cooperation and progress made.

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