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**DRAFT TEXT FOR THE REPORT**  
**ON**  
**AGENDA ITEM 42**

The attached material on Agenda Item 42 is submitted for consideration by the Economic Commission.

**Agenda Item 42: Other air transport issues**

42.1 At its second meeting, the Commission considered developments in the statistics and forecasting programmes on the basis of a report by the Council (WP/20).

42.2 In WP/20, the Council presented a progress report on ICAO's work in the fields of statistics, forecasting, economic planning and air carrier economics. Over the past three years, progress continued with the Integrated Statistical Database (ISDB) which has permitted the automation of processes and development of the data warehouse, resulting in cost savings, effective quality controls, improved timeliness in reporting, and expanded coverage and functionality of the ICAO statistical programme. Long-term forecasts of air traffic to 2025 and medium-term forecasts covering the periods 2005-2007 and 2006-2008 were produced and published. Regional Traffic Forecasting Group (TFG) meetings were held in different regions. Forecasting and economic analysis support continued to be provided to the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP). Studies continued to be carried out during the triennium on regional differences in international airline operating economics. The Council emphasized the importance to the Organization of using performance measurement and assessment tools, including the proper alignment of the Organization's resources with its Strategic Objectives. It is recognized that the means of measuring and monitoring safety performance are critical to the future success of the ever-growing air navigation system. The Council acknowledged the need to harmonize definitions and to strengthen the quality and relevance of safety-related data maintained by ICAO and to use the Organization's analytical resources to shed light on where interventions will have the greatest impact. In this context, ICAO's statistical databases, its forecasting capabilities and its resources in economic analysis will be valuable in supporting the development of requirements-driven and results-oriented programmes, services and expertise.

42.3 The Commission noted the activities undertaken and endorsed the future work plans of the Organization in the fields of statistics, forecasting and economic analysis, emphasizing the importance of availability of detailed, accurate and up-to-date data and information for various aviation deliberations, as well as planning and decision-making activities. The need of Contracting States to cooperate with ICAO to achieve these plans was also stressed.

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