

WORKING PAPER

ASSEMBLY - 37TH SESSION

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Agenda Item 72: Review of expenditures, approval of accounts and examination of Audit Reports for the financial years 2007, 2008 and 2009

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2008

(Presented by the Council of ICAO)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper contains the Financial Statements of the Organization for the financial year 2008, the Auditor's Report, which contains the audit opinion on the Financial Statements and the Report of the External Auditor to the Assembly, which contains a long-form audit report on the audit of the Financial Statements of the Organization, as well as the Secretary General's Response to the Report of the External Auditor, as contained in Document 9922.

The status of implementation of recommendations issued by the External Auditors in their report on the 2007 accounts and reports of prior years' accounts is included in Appendix A.

Action: The Council recommends that the Assembly:

- a) Note the Auditor's Report and the Report of the External Auditor to the Assembly relating to the 2008 accounts and the Response of the Secretary General to the Report of the External Auditor contained in Document 9922, and the report on the status of implementation of the External Auditor's prior years' recommendations (Appendix A);
- b) Approve the audited accounts of the Organization for the financial year 2008 contained in Document 9922 including the accounts with respect to the UNDP activities (Schedule C.1 in the Financial Statements) executed by the Organization;
- c) Approve draft Resolutions proposed in Appendix B.

Strategic Objectives:	This working paper relates to Supporting Implementation Strategy 1 and does not relate to any Strategic Objective.
Financial implications:	Not applicable.
References:	Doc 7300, Convention on International Civil Aviation, Chapter VIII, Article 49(f) Doc 9902, Assembly Resolutions in Force (as of 28 September 2007) Doc 7515/13, The ICAO Financial Regulations

1. **INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This working paper presents the financial reports on the year 2008. The audited Financial Statements of the Organization, two audit reports as explained below, and the Secretary General's response to the Report of the External Auditor in Document 9922.
- 1.2 The format and presentation of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 have been significantly changed compared to 2007 as a result of the introduction of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) for expenditures, the adoption of the IPSAS presentation format, and the change from U.S. dollars to Canadian dollars as reporting currency.
- 1.3 The status of implementation of recommendations issued by the External Auditors in their long-form report on the 2007 accounts and reports of prior years' accounts, has been presented and considered by the Council during its 187th Session, in accordance with C-DEC 174/11 and is presented to the Assembly in Appendix A.

2. REPORTS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

- 2.1 The External Auditors have provided two audit reports. The Auditor's Report contains an audit opinion on the Financial Statements of the Organization, without reservation, that the Financial Statements of the Organization for 2008 presented fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at 31 December 2008 and the results of its operations, and that the transactions of the Organization that came to their notice during their audit of the Financial Statements had, in all significant respects, been in accordance with the Organization's Financial Regulations and legislative authority.
- 2.2 The External Auditors have also reported in the Report of the External Auditor to the Assembly the results of the examination of selected activities of the Organization and made recommendations for the consideration of the Organization; and the Secretary General's Response to the Report of the External Auditors and the proposed action on the recommendations are presented in Document 9922.

3. **REVIEW BY THE COUNCIL**

3.1 On 26 June 2009, the Council reviewed the Financial Statements of the Organization for the financial year 2008, the audit reports thereon and the Secretary General's Response to the Report of the External Auditor (Document 9922). The Council also reviewed and considered the report of the Secretary General on the status of the prior years' recommendations of the External Auditor (Appendix A). After careful consideration of the Financial Statements and the Auditor's Report, the Report of the External Auditor to the Assembly and the Secretary General's Response to the Report of the External Auditor, the Council agreed to transmit the document and to recommend action to the Assembly as reflected in the Draft Resolutions in Appendix B.

APPENDIX A

STATUS REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE 2007 AND PRIOR FINANCIAL YEARS

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The Council, at the 11th meeting of its 174th Session, *inter alia*:

- a) agreed to examine annually, each May/June Session, the status and schedule of implementation
 of recommendations by the External Auditor in previous reports. This examination would be a
 separate exercise from the customary presentation of and reaction to the External Auditor's
 report concerning the year just ended; and
- b) established a general rule that the External Auditor's recommendations, where accepted, be implemented within a year of the publication of the report, unless the Secretary General makes a proposal for an extension that is agreed by the Council.

2. STATUS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 This status report provides a listing of the recommendations made by the External Auditor in 2007 and prior years as of 31 March 2009. For each outstanding audit recommendation, the information presented includes the year of the audit report in which the recommendation was made, the paragraph number of that report, a description of the recommendation made by the External Auditor, an unaudited commentary on progress made in implementing the recommendation, its current status and its expected completion date.

1.1 Performance Audit: Moving to Results-Based Management

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion Date
1.1.1	Results-based organization needs long-term effort and an overall implementation plan 2007 – Paragraph 41 ICAO should develop and carry out a strategy and an overall implementation plan to ensure the timely, orderly, and coherent execution of all major initiatives that are needed to become a results-oriented, performance-based organization.	Such a strategy is being finalized at the time of writing. A workshop is expected to be held in August/September 2009 for members of the Senior Management Group (SMG). The Business Plan and Budget will be developed based on this strategy and consistent with the charter letter addressed to the Secretary General designate.	Partially Implemented	November 2009
1.1.2	The Business Plan for 2008-10 has not been finalized and approved 2007 – Paragraph 50 ICAO should ensure that both the Budget and the Business Plan are finalized and approved prior to the beginning of each triennium and that the two documents remain coherent at all times.	A timeline of activities for both the Business Plan and the Budget has already been prepared for the next triennium 2011-2013. The Business Plan will be prepared prior to the Budget exercise. A roadmap for the Budget preparation will also be presented to the SMG, the Secretary General designate and the Finance Committee in May 2009 to ensure that both documents are approved before the start of the next triennium. The Business Plan will include all activities that need to be carried out during the triennium regardless of the source of funding. The Budget will be a reflection of the Business Plan activities funded under the Regular Programme.	Implemented	
1.1.3	Intermediate outcomes are needed 2007 – Paragraph 57 ICAO should complete its development of measurement methods for the remaining high-level indicators. ICAO should also establish an appropriate number of intermediate outcomes, together with corresponding performance indicators to measure and manage its performance.	ICAO has been working on the remaining four High-Level Indicators (HLIs) (i.e. #A3, #C2, #C3 and #D4), and the progress is as follows: 1. High-level Indicators for A – Safety #A3 Level of implementation of the eight critical elements of a safety oversight system. This indicator could be implemented in 2009, as enough data have been collected.	Partially Implemented	December 2009

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion Date
	Recommendation	2. High-level Indicator for C – Environment #C2. Number of residents in the vicinity of major airports exposed to noise at or above DNL 65 dB #C3. Distribution of aircraft in the in-service fleet by NOx characteristics Regarding these two HLIs, the data is available through the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP), but there is a need to ensure that the data can be used by the ICAO Secretariat as it is not in an ICAO database. If, however, it is made available to ICAO, the update could occur only every 3 years for #C2. 3. High-level Indicator for D – Efficiency #D4 The number (percentage) of major international traffic flows wherein performance- based navigation operations are conducted. The Economic Analyses and Databases Section (EAD) is working on the methodology and the availability of the data, and #D4 could be made available in the next triennium. However, it should be noted that, as the Council Working Group on Strategic Objectives has been dissolved, there are no specific target dates established for finalizing the remaining four HLIs. With regard to the development of subordinate metrics, the Air Navigation Bureau (ANB) is working closely with the Regional Offices to select top-down metrics, as intermediate outcomes, to measure performance. All ICAO regions and Planning and/or Implementation Regional Groups are committed to develop metrics for the purpose of tracking regional performance. At the time of submission of this response:		Date

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No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion Date
		 i) metrics have been adopted by the Africa-Indian Ocean (AFI) Regional Air navigation (RAN) Meeting; ii) The North American, Central American and Caribbean (NACC) and South American (SAM) Office have developed interim metrics for some ATM performance objectives, and Contracting States in the CAR/SAM regions will be requested to submit data for these metrics through the CAR/SAM Regional Planning and Implementation Group (GREPECAS), after the delivery of workshops in those regions on the development of the performance framework; iii) a draft set of metrics for the Asia and Pacific (APAC) region has been submitted for consideration by the ASIA/PAC Air Navigation Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APANPIRG); and iv) Regional Performance workshops, which are key to the development of these metrics, have been delivered to APAC and NAM/CAR/SAM regions, and are planned for all other regions this year. 		
1.1.4	Further work is needed before the operational plans can fully support the Business Plan 2007 – Paragraph 61 ICAO should complete all operational plans for each bureau, office, and section of the Organization, to support the Business Plan and the related action plans.	The development of operational plans is an ongoing effort throughout the Organization. To facilitate this task and to enhance transparency, the ICAO Knowledge Shared Network (IKSN) has been developed and will be implemented in all Bureaus. The primary approach to achieving this is based on a pilot project within ANB, with a view to expansion to all technical parts of the Organization during the remainder of the year. ANB has now completed uploading its operational plans into IKSN. The Air Transport Bureau (ATB) and the Implementation, Support and Development Section (ISD) are in the process of uploading their operational plans into IKSN.	Partially Implemented	December 2009

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion Date
1.1.5	The results-based budgeting process needs improvement 2007 – Paragraph 69 ICAO should define the different roles and responsibilities of Champions versus managers of bureaus and offices for achieving results, and should ensure that its reporting and accountability properly reflect this management structure.	This issue is to be addressed during the SMG workshop planned for August 2009.	Partially Implemented	August 2009
1.1.6	Use of human resources is reported based on initial estimates without validation 2007 – Paragraph 74	The Human Resource (HR) module of the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) is designed to provide a link between resources and the Organization's objective. This will improve the level of precision and tracking of budget expenditures by results in relation to human resources and hence validate the use of payroll costs charged to strategic activities.	Partially Implemented	September 2009
1.1.7	ICAO Knowledge Sharing Network (IKSN) is at an early stage of development 2007 – Paragraph 82 Given that IKSN is critical to managing capacity in a results-based environment, ICAO should develop a project plan with specific schedules and deadlines for the implementation of IKSN	ICAO established an IKSN Steering Group which developed a timeline for implementation based on the availability or resources. While the timeline was (and remains) exposed to significant risks (e.g. vacancy of key positions and use of new	Partially Implemented	December 2009

2.1 Follow-up on the Human Resources Management – Performance Appraisal System

No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and			Completion
	Recommendation			Date
2.1.1	<u>2006 – Paragraph 60</u>	Key tasks in the Performance and Competency	Implemented	
	A small committee with members from those	Enhancement (PACE) reports are drawn from the	_	
	working on the business planning process and	operational plans of each Bureau or Section, and are		

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No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and Recommendation			Completion Date
	Committee should review a sample of Part A of the PACE reports to ensure that there is a			
2.1.2			Implemented	
2.1.3	ratings among sections. The HRB should review a sample of completed PACE reports for consistency of ratings and provide	In the context of preparing a progress report on the performance appraisal process and based on a completion rate of 90.17% of the 2007 PACE reports, a greater consistency was observed in ratings provided, across the board, throughout the Organization.	Implemented	

2.2 Follow-up on the Information and Communication Technology Systems

No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and			Completion
	Recommendation			Date
2.2.1	<u>2006 – Paragraph 77</u>	ICT submitted a consolidation plan in 2006. With	Partially	End 2010
	ICAO should finalize the organization	the compressions in the 2008-10 triennium budget,	Implemented	
	structure for consolidating its ICT operations	several IT positions were abolished both inside and		
	and take steps to implement it.	outside of ICT. Most remaining IT positions are		
		consolidated under ICT with some exceptions. The		
		allotment for outsourcing activities was increased		
		in an effort to compensate for the abolition of		
		posts. ICT is the designated allotment holder and is		

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion Date
		coordinating all outsourcing activities. Most IT activities are being conducted in cooperation between ICT and the end user sections. Continued effort is still needed to consolidate remaining IT activities under ICT.		
2.2.2	ICAO should develop a work plan to address the concerns raised in our previous report regarding risks related to security and to establish a proper security framework and a proper recovery plan for ICT operations. This plan should include a timetable for addressing our concerns expeditiously.	with ISO 27001/27002, was developed and approved. An Information Security Policy was drafted in 2007 using the UN policy as a base. This	Partially Implemented	End 2010

2.3 Update on the Modernization of the Financial Information Systems

No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and			Completion
	Recommendation			Date
2.3.1	2006 – Paragraph 97	The project's Sponsors' Group, comprised of	Implemented	
		Directors, Deputy Directors and Chiefs of business	_	
	The Sponsors' Group should frequently review	areas affected by the implementation, meets on a		
	the progress made on the modernization	bi-weekly basis to review progress with the Project		
	project and ensure that corrective action be	Team. It also makes regular reports to the Finance		
	taken as required to keep the project on	Committee.		
	schedule and within budget. The Group should			
	also ensure that contingency measures be			
	considered and developed.			

3 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORTED IN 2005

3.1 Follow-up on External Auditor 2000 Report: Modernization of Financial Information Systems

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion Date
3.1.1	2005 – Paragraph 23 ICAO should adapt its ICT operations to a changing environment by applying industry best practices. a. As a starting point, ICT stakeholders should obtain Council's firm commitment to renew the ICT operations and view them as an essential element of the entire organization, not just a section or bureau issue.	a. Although fully supported, there are still issues to be accomplished (see 2.2.1).	Partially Implemented	2010
			Partially Implemented	December 2009

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion
	Recommendation	a ICAO alasatad tha mambanabin of the ICT	Tl	Date
		c. ICAO elevated the membership of the ICT	Implemented	
		Management Committee to the Director level. This group meets on a monthly basis to establish		
		overall ICT guidelines, policy direction and		
		projects priority for the Organization, in		
		alignment with the Business Plan and the		
	to apply in the near future. The changes should			
	also go to the Secretary General for final			
	approval. This would establish an accountability			
	structure and reinforce the Organization's			
	governance structure.			
	d. Finally, ICAO would profit from reviewing	d. Current ICAO IT policies are based on best	Implemented	
	various UN Secretariat publications on the use			
	of information technology. Over the years, the			
	UN Secretariat has published good practice			
	guidelines and administrative instructions that			
	ICAO should apply.			

3.2 Human Resource Management - Performance Appraisal Report Process

No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and			Completion
	Recommendation			Date
3.2.1	<u>2005 – Paragraph 87</u>	Competency profiles have been incorporated in	Implemented	
	Continue to work on developing competency	vacancy announcements, the interview and the		
	profiles to support both sound human resources	performance appraisal processes.		
	planning and behaviour-based assessment of			
	competencies in the performance appraisal			
	process.			

4.1 **Attest Audit Results**

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion Date
4.1.1	2004 – Paragraph 10 d) Income recognition for sales of publications does not comply with United Nations System Accounting Standards (UNSAS).		Implemented	2010

5 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORTED IN 2003

5.1 Regional Offices with Special Reference to the Western and Central African Office (Dakar)

No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and			completion
	Recommendation			Date
5.1.1	2003 - Paragraph 133	As a matter of clarification, major activities	Partially	2010
	Results should be reported in the Regional	specific to the region are reflected in the Annual	Implemented	
	Office monthly reports and in the Annual	Report of the Council. These reports are presented		
	Report to the Assembly.	on a triennial basis to the Assembly. The issue of		
		monthly monitoring/reporting will be addressed		
		during the review of the Regional Office Manual,		

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected completion Date
		once the WGOE and the Council have completed the Organizational Review of the Regional Programme.		

5.2 Follow-up on External Auditor 2000 Report: Human Resource Management

No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and Recommendation			Completion Date
5.2.1		Canion Managana have established should high	Implemented	Date
3.2.1	2003 - Paragraph 82	Senior Managers have established shared high	-	
	1	level objectives to support their achievement of		
	of staff competencies at the senior			
	management level to assess whether ICAO has			
	the right knowledge and skills needed to			
	achieve its objectives, and if not, to develop			
	programmes that address knowledge and skill			
	gaps.			
5.2.2	2003 - Paragraph 82	A comprehensive training programme covering	Implemented	
	ICAO should devote the necessary funding to	managerial, technical, administrative and IT	_	
	address the technical training programmes	training was launched during the first quarter of		
	identified in a recent survey of training needs	2009 as listed on the ICAO intranet:		
		http://secretariat.icao.lan/HRB/Training/default.aspx		
	competencies needed to achieve its current and			
	future objectives.			

6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORTED IN 2002

Regional Offices with Special Reference to the Asia and Pacific Office (Bangkok) and the European and North Atlantic Office (Paris)

No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and			completion
	Recommendation			Date
6.1.1	<u>2002 - Paragraph 114</u>	ICAO has developed a Business Plan and is in the	Implemented	

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No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected completion
	Recommendation			Date
	1	process of fine-tuning the performance		
	formal annual review of plans with each	measurement models. The ICAO Regional		
	Regional Office. This review should involve	Directors presented the 2009 Work Programmes		
	representatives from each Headquarters	of their offices at the Full Senior Management		
	bureau and should focus on planned results	Group (FSMG) Meeting held in January 2009.		
	and the expected costs required to achieve	The Regional Office plans were reviewed to		
	them. This will enable realistic priorities to be	ensure that they are achievable and aligned with		
	identified and agreed upon.	the priorities of the global work programme. It is		
		expected that these reviews will be held on an		
		annual basis. The ICAO Knowledge Shared		
		Network (IKSN) is being progressively deployed		
		to the Regional Offices and several of them have		
		begun uploading their projects unto the system.		

7 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORTED IN 2000

7.1 **Human Resource Management**

No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and			Completion
	Recommendation			Date
7.1.1	2000 - Paragraph 64	The Human Resources Committee (HRC) is	Implemented	
	Ensure that adequate funding is provided to	reviewing recruitment and general Human		
	improve management and recruitment	Resources policies.		
	practices.			

7.2 **Information Technology**

No.	Audit Report Year,	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected
	Paragraph Number and			Completion
	Recommendation			Date
7.2.1	2000 - Paragraph 81	The legacy financial system has been replaced by	Implemented	
	ICAO has attempted to renew its financial	the Agresso ERP. The general ledger, accounts		
	system but has made little progress, despite	payable, accounts receivable, procurement and		
	the acknowledged urgency of the need. The	management of projects modules have been in use		

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion Date
	Organization will need funding, project leadership, and competencies in implementing modern information systems.	since January 2008. Phase II of the project, which comprises human resources/payroll, budget planner, sales of publications, fixed assets and travel is on its way to being launched in the coming months.		
7.2.2	2000 - Paragraph 82 A change management strategy is necessary to mobilize and sustain the efforts to change to a new, modern system.	Change management has been a key consideration since the roll-out of Phase 1. The IRIS Project team is making a concerted effort to coordinate, with CRC and TCB, an action plan to deploy the Agresso system to the Regional Offices and Field Project Offices. Under the draft project charter for the Regional Office/Field Office (ROFO) Deployment, change management is highlighted as a key consideration. The project will be implemented using an incremental approach tied to adequate scoping on the basis of value and fund availability. The Pre-Planning Phase is currently underway. Contingent on the approval of the project budget, a detailed implementation schedule will be produced during the Planning Phase, which is estimated to last from July - October 2009. The Implementation Phase will tentatively commence in November 2009 and the anticipated completion date is December 2010.	Partially Implemented	December 2010

8.1 **Cash Management**

No.	Audit Report Year, Paragraph Number and Recommendation	Implementation Progress/Comments	Status	Expected Completion Date
8.1.1	1998 - Paragraph 89 The accounting system be modernized in order to facilitate timely action, including payment on due dates.	The Agresso A/P application provides the necessary tools to support payment of invoices on due dates.		

9. **SUMMARY**

Summary of Recommendations from External Auditor for the period 1998 to 2007 Status as of 31 March 2009

Subject	Ref.	Total	Number Implemented by March 2009	% Implemented by March 2009	% Implemented by March 2008
2007			•	•	•
Performance Audit: Moving to Results-	1.1	7	1		
Based Management					
Tota	ıl	7	1	14%	n/a
2006					
Follow-up on the Human Resources	2.1	8	8		
Management - Performance Appraisal					
System	2.2	2	1		
Follow-up on the Information and	2.2	3	1		
Communication Technology System Update on the Modernization of the	2.3	3	3		
Financial Information System	2.3	3	3		
Tota	n1	14	12	86%	57%
2005	11	17	12	0070	3170
Follow-up on 2000 Report:	3.1	4	3		
Modernization of Financial Information					
Systems					
Human Resource Management-	3.2	4	4		
Performance Appraisal Report Process					
Tota	ıl	8	7	88%	75%
2004			_		
Attest Audit Results	4.1	4	3		
Follow-up on 2002 Report on	Reported in	6	6		
Management of TC Projects	2008	10	0	000/	000/
2003	ll .	10	9	90%	90%
Regional Offices with Special Reference	5.1	5	4		
to Dakar	5 5.1	3	4		
Follow-up on 2000 Report: Human	5.2	6	6		
Resource Management	3.2	O	O		
Tota	n1	11	10	91%	73%
2002				, - , ,	,,,,
Regional Offices with Special Reference	6.1	5	5		
to Bangkok and Paris					
Tota	ıl	5	5	100%	80%
2000					
Human Resource Management	7.1	4	4		
Information Technology	7.2	6	5		
Tota	ıl	10	9	90%	70%
1998					
Cash Management Tota	8.1	10	10 10	100%	

APPENDIX B

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 72/3

Approval of the accounts of the Organization for the financial year 2008 and examination of the Audit Reports thereon

Whereas the accounts of the Organization for the financial year 2008, the Auditor's Report and the Report of the External Auditor to the Assembly thereon, submitted by the Cour des Comptes of France - a member of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies - as the External Auditor of ICAO, have been submitted to the Assembly after being circulated to Contracting States:

Whereas the Council has examined the audit reports and submitted them to the Assembly for its review: and

Whereas in accordance with Chapter VIII, Article 49 (f) of the Convention, expenditures have been reviewed;

The Assembly:

- 1. *Notes* the Auditor's Report and the Report of the External Auditor on the Financial Statements for the year 2008 with related Response of the Secretary General to the Report of the External Auditor, and the report on the status of the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations for prior years;
- 2. *Directs* the Council to ensure that the Secretary General takes the necessary action, as deemed appropriate, on the recommendations made by the External Auditor and reports these actions to the Council on a regular basis; and
- 3. Approves the audited accounts for the financial year 2008.

Resolution 72/4

Approval of those accounts with respect to the United Nations Development Programme activities administered by ICAO as Executing Agency for the financial year 2008 and examination of the Audit Reports on the Financial Statements of the Organization which also cover the United Nations Development Programme accounts.

Whereas those accounts showing the status of funds allocated to ICAO by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and administered by ICAO as Executing Agency for the financial year 2008 as well as the Audit Reports on the financial statements of the Organization, which also cover the United Nations Development Programme accounts submitted by the Cour des Comptes of

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France, a member of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations and Specialized Agencies, as the External Auditor of ICAO, have been submitted to the Assembly after being circulated to Contracting States:

Whereas the Council has examined the Audit Reports and submitted them to the Assembly for its review and for submission to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme; and

Whereas the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations Development Programme provide that Organizations of the United Nations system entrusted with the execution or implementation of UNDP Programme activities shall transmit, to the Administrator for submission to the Executive Board, accounts showing the status of funds allocated to them by the Administrator and that such accounts shall bear audit certificates from the External Auditors of the Organizations and shall be accompanied by their reports.

The Assembly:

- 1. *Notes* the Auditor's Report and the Report of the External Auditor on the Financial Statements of the Organization, which also cover those accounts relating to the United Nations Development Programme administered by ICAO as Executing Agency, for the financial year 2008;
- 2. Approves those accounts with respect to the United Nations Development Programme administered by ICAO as Executing Agency for the financial year 2008; and
- 3. *Directs* that the Financial Statements of the Organization, which also include accounts of the United Nations Development Programme administered by ICAO, and the Audit Reports be transmitted to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme for submission to the Executive Board.

