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DRAFT TEXT FOR THE REPORT
ON
AGENDA ITEM 19

The attached material on Agenda Item 19 is submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Agenda Item 19: Technical cooperation — Activities and policy on technical cooperation provided under the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and through Trust Fund (TF) arrangements during the period 2004 - 2006

19.1 At its sixth meeting, the Executive Committee considered A36-WP/49, which presented a report by the Council on technical cooperation activities implemented by ICAO during the years 2004 to 2006.

19.2 The Committee noted that with the decline in UNDP funding of ICAO technical cooperation projects, large annual deficits occurred from 1982 to 1995, which had to be financed through the accumulated funds that existed then in the Administrative and Operational Services (AOSC) Fund. The Council reported that it was only through the restructuring of the Technical Co-operation Bureau and the introduction by the 31st Session of the Assembly of a new policy on technical cooperation, providing the necessary flexibility for the Technical Co-operation Bureau to control its operating costs, that this trend was reversed. The Committee noted that the efficiency and effectiveness of the services provided by ICAO have since earned the confidence of States which today fund around 98 per cent of the Technical Co-operation Programme.

19.3 The Committee acknowledged that the cost of operating and administering the Technical Co-operation Programme is not financed through assessments to Contracting States but through administrative overheads charged to each project on the basis of the cost recovery principle. It was noted that the ICAO policy in this regard is to charge States and donors the minimum required, depending on the complexity of the service to be provided.

19.4 A review of the Technical Co-operation Programme activities for the past 10 years indicated that the implemented programme increased significantly. The report also provided a comparison of the programme implemented during the last two triennia by type of funding arrangement and by project component. Information on Programme income and expenditures demonstrated that a balance has been kept in the last decade and that small annual surpluses are being realized by ICAO.

19.5 The Committee noted that the nature of the support provided to States through ICAO technical cooperation projects during the triennium was very broad and covered various civil aviation disciplines, and took note of the information provided by the Council on the relevance of the 2004-2006 Technical Co-operation Programme for the achievement of the Strategic Objectives of ICAO.

19.6 In completing the consideration of Agenda Item 19, the Committee was invited to refer to the report presented in A36-WP/49 when considering A36-WP/48, EX/13 under Agenda Item 20, which provides an update of the ICAO Policy on Technical Co-operation.

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