



C-DEC 231/2
13/03/24

COUNCIL — 231ST SESSION

SECOND MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONDAY, 11 MARCH 2024, AT 1430 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

OPEN MEETING

Welcome to the Ambassador of Colombia

1. The President, on behalf of the Council, welcomed the presence of his Excellency, Mr. Carlos Arturo Morales, the Ambassador of Colombia to Canada.

Condolences

2. The Council expressed its sincere condolences to the Government and peoples of Canada, following the recent passing away of the country's former Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney.

Appointment of the Secretary General

3. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15536, which presented the candidature of Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar for the post of Secretary General of ICAO. It was recalled that the appointment of the Secretary General was one of the Council's mandatory functions under Article 54 h) of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*.

4. In accordance with the rules and procedures for the appointment of the Secretary General set forth in Appendix C to the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), States had been invited by State letter A 2/4.6-23/56 dated 29 September 2023 to submit nominations for the post of Secretary General to the President of the Council no later than 15 January 2024. By the close of business on that date, Colombia had presented the candidature of Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, the incumbent Secretary General. Mr. Salazar's three-year term had begun on 1 August 2021 and would continue until 31 July 2024. States had been informed of this candidature by State letter A 2/4.6-23/70 dated 2 October 2023.

5. Consistent with paragraph 4 of Appendix C to the said Rules of Procedure (Doc 7559), Mr. Salazar then delivered a brief presentation outlining his vision and the priorities that would underpin the primary focus of his efforts during his second mandate.

6. The President proposed, and the Council agreed, to waive the requirement set forth in paragraph 7 of Appendix C to the said Rules of Procedure (Doc 7559) for a secret ballot for the election of the Secretary General. The Representative of Mexico, seconded by the Representatives of Equatorial

Guinea, Republic of Korea and the United Arab Emirates, proposed to re-appoint Mr. Salazar for a second three-year term, taking into account that Mr. Salazar had ably served the Organization since commencing his first term on 1 August 2021, and considering that he was the sole candidate for the post of Secretary General. The Council unanimously agreed to this proposal.

7. In accordance with Article 54 h) of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation* and Rule 12 of the said Rules of Procedure (Doc 7559), the Council then, by acclamation, re-appointed Mr. Salazar as Secretary General, whose second three-year term would commence on 1 August 2024 and continue until 31 July 2027.

8. On behalf of the Council, the President congratulated Mr. Salazar, who in turn expressed his confidence that with the continued support of the Council, he would succeed in his efforts to achieve a fundamental and positive transformation of the Organization.

9. It was noted that the Charter Letter from the President of the Council, on behalf of the Council, would be transmitted to Mr. Salazar as soon as possible.

Draft Charter Letter from the President of the Council, on behalf of the Council, to the Secretary General

10. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15535, which presented a draft Charter letter from the President of the Council, on behalf of the Council, to the Secretary General. The Council also had for its consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

11. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) approved the draft Charter letter, as appended to C-WP/15535; and
- b) recalling its preceding decision to re-appoint the incumbent Secretary General, Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar, to a second three-year term, agreed to provide him with the Charter Letter as soon as possible.

Results of the 2023 Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP) Steering Group meeting

12. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15562, which pursuant to C-DEC 230/5, presented those recommendations arising from the 2023 CAEP Steering Group meeting (16 to 20 October 2023, Takamatsu, Japan) that required further action by the Council. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Climate and Environment Committee (CEC).

13. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) expressed its appreciation to the CAEP for their hard work, and welcomed their positive contributions to the work of the Council and the progress made on a range of important elements of the Organization's work;
- b) approved the proposed amendments to the ICAO document "CORISIA Methodology for Calculating Actual Life Cycle Emission Values", as contained in Appendix A to C-WP/15562;

- c) approved the proposed amendments to the ICAO document “CORSA Eligibility Framework and Requirements for Sustainability Certification Schemes”, as contained in Appendix B to C-WP/15562;
- d) approved the proposed amendments to the ICAO document “CORSA Default Life Cycle Emission Values for CORSA Eligible Fuels”, as contained in Appendix C to C-WP/15562;
- e) approve the proposed updates to the “Guidelines for Interpretation of the Emissions Unit Criteria (EUC)”, as contained in Appendix D to C-WP/15562, for use by the Technical Advisory Body (TAB) in its work on CORSA eligible emissions units;
- f) noted that in order to support the Council in undertaking the 2025 CORSA periodic review, the CAEP would provide the Council with further updated CORSA analyses, as well as the schedule of subsequent updates, during the 232nd Session, including updated information on the price of emissions units and CORSA eligible fuels;
- g) approved the proposed amendments to the CAEP Directives, as presented in Appendix F to C-WP/15562, subject to the additional changes proposed by the CEC thereto as reflected in its oral report, as well as the additional editorial clarification proposed by the Chairperson of the CEC to replace the word “since” with “following the advice or notification that” in paragraph 8.1.4 of the Directives;
- h) reaffirmed the interest of the Council in the ongoing work being undertaken by CAEP in relation to the integrated noise CO₂ dual stringency analysis, and in that regard, invited the CAEP to continue to seek the Council’s advice in this important area of work as appropriate; and
- i) reiterated the importance of ensuring that adequate resources were made available to support the Secretariat’s work on the implementation of the ICAO Global Framework for sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), lower carbon aviation fuels (LCAF) and other aviation cleaner energies, as well as the implementation of CORSA, including supporting CAEP work to analyse life cycle values for additional fuel pathways and to increase the number of Sustainability Certification Schemes (SCS).

Progress Report on the Implementation of the ICAO Policy on Interactions with External Parties

14. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15565, which reported on the activities undertaken by the Committee on Cooperation with External Parties (CCEP) since the last progress report was presented during the 228th Session (C-DEC 228/1). The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Committee on Governance (COG).

15. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) took note of the information presented in C-WP/15565;
- b) requested that the Secretariat explore options for improving the regular reporting of exempted agreements pertaining to Training Services Agreements, as required by the Policy;
- c) invited the CCEP to continue to coordinate with the Secretariat in carrying out a

review of the ICAO *Policy on Interactions with External Parties*, including a proposal to clarify rules and procedures applying to granting external parties the permission to use the ICAO emblem and to the signing of agreements with such parties (C-DEC 229/6, refers), and to present its recommendations in this regard to the Council during the 232nd Session; and

- d) requested the CCEP to present its annual report on activities relating to the implementation of the Policy, during the 234th Session, on the understanding that this would be subject to the outcome of the Council's deliberations concerning whether there was a continuing need for the CCEP, in the context of its consideration of the recommendations arising from action c), above.

International Explosives Technical Commission (IETC)

16. The Council considered this item on the basis of C-WP/15558, which pursuant to C-DEC 227/3, outlined the potential solutions and legal options identified by the Secretariat to address the Council's concerns relating to the work of the IETC. The Council also had for consideration an oral report thereon from the Aviation Security Committee (ASC).

17. Following consideration, the Council:

- a) acknowledging the usefulness of the *Convention on Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection* (MEX Convention), recognized that the role of the IETC as initially mandated under the MEX Convention had been fulfilled;
- b) in order to satisfy the requirements of Article V of the Convention, agreed to extend the terms of the current IETC membership for the next three years, on the understanding that subsequent meetings of the IETC should be convened on an ad hoc basis, as necessary;
- c) while noting the Secretariat's proposal to carry-out a third-party study to assess the role and relevance of the IETC, agreed that in light of resource constraints and other more pressing priorities in ICAO, it was not necessary for such a study to be pursued at the present time;
- d) agreed to request the ICAO Legal Committee to give consideration to adding an item on this subject to its work programme, in which the Committee would undertake an evaluation on potential solutions to whether an amendment was required to the MEX Convention in order to redefine the role and functions of the IETC, or alternatively, to terminate the IETC on the basis that it had fulfilled its initial mandate, while at the same time taking into account the timeline and resource implications that may be involved in undertaking this work; and
- e) requested the Secretariat to continue to monitor developments in this regard, and to keep the Council apprised should the need arise for a meeting of the IETC to be convened in the future.

Any other Business

Amendments to the Work Programme of the Council

18. The Council noted that the Secretary General would present an oral update pertaining to the status of the recruitment process presently underway to fill the post of Chief, Office of Internal Oversight, at a subsequent meeting of the current Session.

Report of the Small Group on Innovation

19. The Council considered this item on the basis of an oral report from the Chairperson of the Small Group on Innovation (SGI).

20. Following its consideration, the Council:

- a) invited the Secretariat, in close consultation with the SGI, to continue the work to develop an ICAO Policy on Innovation, taking into consideration the role of ICAO in innovation vis-a-vis traditional aviation stakeholders, new entrants and within the ICAO Secretariat, and its corresponding implementation plan, and in this connection, requested that the Council continue to be regularly apprised of the progress of this work, including through the convening of an informal briefing on this subject during the 232nd Session, and on the understanding that the draft policy would be presented to the Council for approval at a subsequent session;
- b) further requested the Secretary General to consider mainstreaming innovation through the innovation focal points and by enhancing its strategic positioning within the Organization to better drive and support innovation initiatives, while at the same time, leveraging on the objectives of, and creating synergies with, the ICAO People Strategy;
- c) encouraged the Secretariat to also develop the necessary means of implementation for the goals to be established in the future ICAO Policy on Innovation, through partnerships, and through the development of IT tools to allow for better, more transparent and systematic engagement with the aviation and innovation communities; and
- d) expressed appreciation to the SGI for its continued efforts and hard work to advance innovation within the scope of the Organization's work and strategic planning, and in that regard, encouraged all Delegations to attend the ICAO 2024 Innovation Fair (12 to 14 March 2024, ICAO Headquarters), while also inviting the SGI, in consultation with the Secretariat, to consider any relevant recommendations arising from the outcomes of the Fair to the Council.

Schedule of Meetings

21. The Council was informed that in light of the ICAO 2024 Innovation Fair (12 to 14 March 2024, ICAO Headquarters), the next meeting of the Council would take place at 1430 hours, on Thursday, 14 March 2024. It was also noted that should the Council not complete its consideration of the items relating to the Settlement of Differences on the morning on Friday, 15 March 2024, the Council's deliberations would continue into Friday afternoon.

Replacement of ANC members in Council Small Groups

22. It was noted that in the absence of comments to the President of the Council's e-mail dated 11 January 2024, Captain Frederic Fachinan had been elected to serve on the Small Group on Innovation (SGI) to replace Mr. Junrong Liang; Mr. Kabbs Twijuke had been elected to serve on the Steering Group of the Industry Consultative Forum (SGICF) to replace Mr. Subash S; and Mr. Kok wee Ang had been elected to serve as Vice-Chairperson on the Ad Hoc Cybersecurity Coordination Committee (AHCCC) to replace Mr. Subash S.

Appointment of an Observer to the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP)

23. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 15 February 2024 to the President of the Council's email dated 2 February 2024, Ms. Lorena Perez Bajo had been appointed as the Observer for IPIECA to CAEP, replacing Mr. Ewan McKenzie, with effect from 16 February 2024.

Appointment of a Member of the Technical Advisory Body (TAB)

24. It was noted that in the absence of comments by 11 January 2024 to the President of the Council's email dated 5 January 2024, Ms. Yuan Gao had been appointed to serve as Member from China to the TAB, to replace Mr. Keli Wang, with effect from 12 January 2024.

— END —