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COUNCIL — 234TH SESSION

FIRST MEETING

(COUNCIL CHAMBER, FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 1000 HOURS)

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

CLOSED MEETING

Not available

OPEN MEETING

Additional clarifications relating to the *Rules for the Settlement of Differences*

5. In response to a point of order raised by the Representative of Brazil following the conclusion of the preceding item, and on the subject of the Council's earlier consideration of the matter involving Australia, the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation, the Council agreed to invite the Legal Affairs and External Relations Bureau (LEB) to provide additional clarifications on the nature of the final arguments referenced in Article 12 of the *Rules for the Settlement of Differences* (Doc 7782/2) and their implications for the conduct of the Council's deliberations to decide a matter brought under Article 84 of the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*. It was understood that these additional clarifications would be presented to the Council by LEB during an upcoming informal briefing on the functions of the Council for the Settlement of Differences under the Chicago Convention, as referred to in paragraph 9 below.

President's remarks and amendments to the work programme

6. Pursuant to an e-mail from the President of the Council dated 30 January 2025, the Council considered this item on the basis of an oral update by the President of the Council, regarding an objection raised in relation to a proposal by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) to include an item, *The Infiltration of Drones and Unmanned Balloons in DPRK*, in the Council's work programme for the current Session.

7. Following consideration, the Council agreed, in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, to add an item, *The Infiltration of Drones and Unmanned Balloons in DPRK*, as requested by DPRK, to the work programme of the current Session, it being understood that the Council's consideration of this item would be in Closed Session.

8. In addition, on the basis of a proposal by the President of the Council, the Council agreed to further amend its work programme for the current session with the inclusion of a supplementary item *Draft Assembly working paper – Draft scales of assessment for 2026, 2027 and 2028*. The Council also agreed that an oral report from the President of the Council relating to membership of the Evaluation and Audit Advisory

Committee (EAAC) would be added to the work programme, as would an oral update from the Secretariat on GNSS interference, it being understood that the Council would also have an opportunity to consider this information from the Secretariat during the informal briefing already planned on this subject on 20 March 2025.

9. It was further noted that an informal briefing on the functions of the Council for the Settlement of Differences under the Chicago Convention would be held during the Council Phase of the current Session, with the date and time to be confirmed in due course.

10. The Council also took note of the information provided by the President of the Council concerning his attendance at relevant international meetings during the recess, it being understood that this information was also available on the ICAO public website.

Any other business

Request from Observers to participate in closed meetings of the Council

It was noted that in the absence of comments to emails circulated by the President of the Council in November, December 2024, and January 2025, and in accordance with Rule 32 a) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council*, the Council had agreed to invite Ms. Delphine Micheaux Naudet (European Union) to participate as Observer during the 234th Session of the Council's consideration of all items in closed session; Ms. Nathalie Herbelles (ACI); Mr. Carlos Cirilo and, in his absence Ms. Michelle Bishop, (CANSO); Mr. Michael Comber (IATA); Mr. Daniel Carnelly and, in his absence Ms. Nina Brooks, (ICCAIA); and Mr. Brian Shury and, in his absence Mr. Sebastián Currás-Barrios, (IFALPA), to participate as Observers during the 234th Session of the Council's consideration in closed session, of items related to aviation safety and security, as appropriate.

Appointment of Members on the Air Navigation Commission (ANC)

It was noted that in the absence of comments by 14 January 2025, to the President of the Council's email dated 8 January 2025, Mr. Frederik Blaauw, nominated by the Governments of Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Ireland, Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Portugal and Switzerland, had been appointed as a Member on the Air Navigation Commission to succeed Mr. Alain Vandenabeele, with effect from 1 January 2025.

It was noted that in the absence of comments by 31 January 2025, to the President of the Council's email dated 27 January 2025, Ms. Kirstie Winter, nominated by the Government of Australia, had been appointed as a Member on the Air Navigation Commission to succeed Dr. Frizo Vormer, with effect from 10 March 2025.

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

It was noted that in the absence of comments by 15 November 2024 to the President of the Council's email dated 31 October 2024, Mr. Jingyu Yu had been appointed as the Member from China to CAEP, replacing Mr. Xiaojie Liu, with effect from 18 November 2024.

It was noted that in the absence of comments by 18 November 2024 to the President of the Council's email dated 1 November 2024, Mr. Lamine Diarra had been appointed as the Member from Côte d'Ivoire to CAEP, replacing Mr. Traoré Waogninlin, with effect from 19 November 2024.

Appointment of Members to the Evaluation and Audit Advisory Committee (EAAC)

It was noted that in the absence of comments by 23 December 2024 to the President's memorandum PRES SS/3678 dated 10 December 2024, the Council had approved the appointment of Dr. Gladys Cherotich Byegon (Kenya) and Ms. Widyowati Santoso (Indonesia) as EAAC members for a three-year term commencing 1 January 2025.

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