



COUNCIL — 205TH SESSION

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING

(THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2015, AT 1000 HOURS)

OPEN MEETING

President of the Council: Dr. Olumuyiwa Benard Aliu

Secretary: Mr. Raymond Benjamin, Secretary General

PRESENT:

Argentina	— Mr. A.J. Dumont	Malaysia	— Mr. Y.-H. Lim
Australia	— Mr. S.C. Lucas (Alt.)	Mexico	— Mr. D. Méndez Mayora
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	— Mr. J.G. Soruco	Nicaragua	— Mrs. E.A. Aráuz Betanco
Brazil	— Mr. J. Taunay	Nigeria	— Mr. M.E. Nwafor
Burkina Faso	— Mr. M. Dieguimde	Norway	— Mr. K.M. Skaar
Cameroon	— Mr. E. Zoa Etundi	Poland	— Prof. M. Polkowska
Canada	— Mr. M. Allen	Portugal	— Mrs. M.H. Faleiro T. de Almeida
Chile	— Mr. C. Mac-Namara	Republic of Korea	— Mr. J. Hur
China	— Mr. Tao Ma	Russian Federation	— Mr. A.A. Novgorodov
Dominican Republic	— Mr. C.A. Veras Rosario	Saudi Arabia	— Mr. H.A. Abudaowd
Egypt	— Mr. A. Mahmoud	Singapore	— Mr. T.C. Ng
France	— Mr. O. Caron	South Africa	— Mr. M.D.T. Peege
Germany	— Mr. U. Schwierczinski	Spain	— Mr. V.M. Aguado
India	— Mr. S. Dutta (TE)	United Arab Emirates	— Mr. R.A. Al Kaabi (Alt.)
Italy	— Mr. E. Padula	United Kingdom	— Mr. M. Rodmell
Japan	— Ms. N. Ueda	United Republic of Tanzania	— Mr. R.W. Bokango
Kenya	— Ms. M.B. Awori	United States	— Mr. M.A. Lawson
Libya	— Mr. M. Sayeh Eltayf	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	— Mr. D.A. Blanco Carrero

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. F. Zizi, President, ANC	
Dr. N. Luongo (Alt.)	— Argentina
Mr. P. Jardim (Alt.)	— Brazil
Mr. L.H. Sacchi Guadagnin (Alt.)	— Brazil
Mr. R. da Rosa Costa (Alt.)	— Brazil
Mr. M. Millefert (Alt.)	— France
Mr. A. Bardaro (Alt.)	— Italy
Mr. M. Ishii (Alt.)	— Japan
Mrs. D. Valle Álvarez (Alt.)	— Mexico
Mrs. H. Jansson Saxe (Alt.)	— Norway
Mr. S. Kim (Alt.)	— Republic of Korea
Mr. M. Kang (Alt.)	— Republic of Korea
Mr. A. Almoghraby (Alt.)	— Saudi Arabia

SECRETARIAT:

*Dr. Fang Liu	— D/ADB
*Mr. I. Gálan	— D/TCB
*Mr. B. Djibo	— D/ATB
*Mr. J. Augustin	— D/LEB
*Mr. S. Creamer	— D/ANB
*Mr. J. Marriott	— DD/ASF
*Mr. A. Quiroz	— C/ASA
*Mr. S. Berti	— C/ASP
*Mr. J. Lamosa	— C/ISD-SEC
*Mr. J. Thaker	— TO/FAL
*Mr. A. Djojonegoro	— TO/ASP
*Mr. A. Philbin	— C/COM
Miss S. Black	— Précis-writer

*Mr. J.W.K. Twijuke, Representative of Uganda to ICAO
and Chairperson, AFI SECFAL Plan Steering
Committee*

*Mr. B.A. Kashambo, ICAO Regional Director, ESAF
and Secretary, AFI SECFAL Plan Steering Committee*

*Part-time

DISTRIBUTION
20 Aug 2015

Subject No. 15.4: Facilitation**Adoption of Amendment 25 to Annex 9 – Facilitation**

41. The Council had for consideration: C-WP/14264, in which the Secretary General reported on comments received on the proposal to amend Annex 9 – *Facilitation* circulated to States and relevant international organizations under cover of State letter EC 6/3-2015/05 dated 6 February 2015, and the Secretariat's corresponding recommendations, and presented resultant Amendment 25 for adoption by the Council; and an oral report thereon by the Air Transport Committee (ATC), which had considered the paper at its Second Meeting of the current session on 8 May 2015. The ATC had recommended that the Council endorse the action presented in the executive summary of the paper and adopt Amendment 25 which related to, inter alia, assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families, cargo facilitation, the ICAO Public Key Directory (PKD), Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs) for refugees and stateless persons and INTERPOL's Stolen and Lost Travel Documents (SLTD) database.

42. The Representative of Spain underscored that Amendment 25 contained an important new Recommended Practice 8.46 on assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families to be inserted in Chapter 8 (Other facilitation provisions), Section I, of Annex 9. He recalled that work thereon had commenced in 2012, with the establishment by the Secretary General of the Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims Policy Task Force (AVPTF) pursuant to the Council's decision (cf. C-WP/13829; 195/10). The AVPTF had subsequently developed a draft ICAO Policy on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families, which had been unanimously approved by the Council (cf. C-WP/13953; 198/6), published as ICAO Doc 9998, and presented to the 38th Session of the Assembly in September/October 2013. At that Assembly, Spain, in collaboration with Argentina, Cape Verde, Finland, France, Italy, Mexico and Portugal had submitted A38-WP/301 (with Corrigendum No. 1), inviting the Assembly to, inter alia: endorse, with appreciation, the *ICAO Policy on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families* (Doc 9998); adopt the related Assembly Resolution presented by the Council in A38-WP/22; and invite the Council to consider the feasibility of introducing a related provision in the appropriate Annex to the Chicago Convention while avoiding an adverse impact on the independence and effectiveness of accident and incident investigations. Work on the latter action had culminated in the said proposed new Recommended Practice 8.46 to Annex 9, which stipulated that "Contracting States should establish legislation, regulations and/or policies in support of assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families." The Note thereto drew attention to Doc 9998, as well as to Doc 9973 (*Manual on Assistance to Aircraft Accident Victims and their Families*).

43. Expressing pleasure that all of the said work undertaken since 2012 had been crystallized in Annex 9, the Representative of Spain thanked not only all of the States that had supported the initiative at the time of the Assembly but also the aircraft accident victims associations of the various ICAO Member States that had cooperated in that work, especially those of Spain and Italy.

44. In also welcoming proposed Recommended Practice 8.46 on assistance to aircraft accident victims and their families, the Representative of Italy reiterated that it constituted a significant achievement that was based on the work carried out over many years by his State and other ICAO Member States as described by the Representative of Spain. He noted that the work had been done in cooperation with, inter alia, Mr. Paolo Pettinaroli, the late President of the Italian Association of Victims of the 8 October 2001 Linate Airport disaster, "8 Ottobre per non dimenticare", who had unfortunately passed away on 11 April 2015.

45. Recalling that he had been in Spain with the Representative of Spain at the time of Mr. Pettinaroli's death, the President of the Council requested that the Representative of Italy convey the Council's best regards and sympathy to his family. He underscored that all of the work done by Mr. Pettinaroli and his collaborators in Spain and other ICAO Member States was very much appreciated and had led to this important new Recommended Practice 8.46.