



COUNCIL — 200TH SESSION

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING

(THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2013, AT 1430 HOURS)

OPEN MEETING

President of the Council: Mr. Roberto Kobeh González

Acting Secretary: Dr. Fang Liu, Director, Bureau of Administration and Services

PRESENT:

Argentina	— Dr. N. Luongo (Alt.)	Malaysia	— Mr. Y.-H. Lim
Australia	— Ms. K. Macaulay	Mexico	— Mr. D. Méndez Mayora
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	— Mr. J.G. Soruco	Nigeria	— Dr. O.B. Aliu
Brazil	— Mr. J. Taunay	Norway	— Mr. K.M. Skaar
Burkina Faso	— Mr. M. Dieguimde	Poland	— Ms. M. Polkowska
Cameroon	— Mr. E. Zoa Etundi	Portugal	— Mrs. M.H. Faleiro T. de Almeida
Canada	— Mr. M. Allen	Republic of Korea	— Mr. Choi, D.
Chile	— Mr. W.H. Celedón	Russian Federation	— Mr. A.A. Novgorodov
China	— Mr. Tao Ma	Saudi Arabia	— Mr. A. Alaufi (Alt.)
Dominican Republic	— Mr. C.A. Veras Rosario	Singapore	— Mr. T.-C. Ng
Egypt	— Mr. A. Mahmoud	South Africa	— Mr. L. Mabaso
France	— Mr. O. Caron	Spain	— Mr. V.M. Aguado
Germany	— Mr. U. Schwierczinski	United Arab Emirates	— Miss A. Al Hamili
India	— Mr. P.N. Sukul	United Kingdom	— Mr. M. Rodmell
Italy	— Mr. A. Bardaro (Alt.)	United Republic of Tanzania	— Mr. R.W. Bokango
Japan	— Mr. T. Koda	United States	— Mr. D. Woerth
Libya	— Mr. M. Sayeh Eltayf	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	— Mr. D.A. Blanco Carrero

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. M. Delisle (Alt.)	— Canada
Mr. Hwang, S.-Y. (Alt.)	— Republic of Korea
Mr. Kang, M. (Alt.)	— Republic of Korea
Mr. J.L. Novak (Alt.)	— United States

SECRETARIAT:

Mr. I. Galán	— D/TCB
Mr. B. Djibo	— D/ATB
Mr. J. Marriott	— C/AVSEC
Mr. P. Noad	— DD/TCB
Miss S. Black	— Précis-writer

*Part-time

Representatives to ICAO

Ecuador

Lebanon

Welcome to new Representatives on the Council

1. The President of the Council extended a warm welcome to Mr. Javier García Soruco, Mr. Wolfram H. Celedón, Mr. Carlos Antonio Veras Rosario, Mr. Mohamed Sayeh Eltayf, Mr. Knut Magne Skaar, Ms. Malgorzata Polkowska, Mrs. Maria Helena Faleiro T. de Almeida, Mr. Raphael W. Bokango and Mr. David Alfonzo Blanco Carrero, the newly-elected Representatives of, respectively, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Chile, the Dominican Republic, Libya, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the United Republic of Tanzania and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). He also reiterated his thanks to the Representatives who had served on the Council for the past three years and who had now left to assume other responsibilities.

Subject No. 5: Election of Vice-Presidents of the Council
Subject No. 6.3: Election of Chairmen and Members of subsidiary bodies of the Council
Subject No. 46: Edward Warner Award

Elections by the Council

2. The Council had for consideration C-WP/14056 Revised presented by the President of the Council relating to: the election of the three Vice-Presidents of the Council, the Members and Alternates of the Air Transport, Joint Support, Finance, Unlawful Interference, Technical Co-operation and Human Resources Committees (ATC, JSC, FIC, UIC, TCC and HRC) and the Chairpersons of those Committees; the filling of a vacancy on the Edward Warner Award (EWA) Committee; the composition of the newly-established (199/3) Council Committee on Relations with the Host Country (RHCC) and the election of its Chairperson.

3. It was noted that, as indicated in President's memorandum PRES RK/2205 dated 1 October 2013, and with a view to increasing the efficiency and ensuring the continuity of Committee discussions, the current composition of each Standing Committee had, as far as practicable, been maintained, with each new Council Member in a rotation group replacing its predecessor in that group as Member of each Standing Committee of which the latter was a Member.

4. With regard to the RHCC, the President of the Council recalled that the Council had delegated the appointment of the Members to him, on the understanding that it would be done in consultation with the various regional groups and taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation (EGR) (cf. C-DEC 199/3, paragraph 11). Unfortunately, it had been necessary to issue C-WP/14056 Revised just a few days after the close of the 38th Session of the Assembly and he had not had sufficient time to consult the said regional groups regarding the RHCC's composition. The President of the Council had, however, spoken in advance with the Members and ensured EGR on the Committee.

5. The Representative of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (hereinafter referred to as the Representative of Venezuela) agreed to the way of proceeding set forth in the said President's memorandum PRES RK/2205 dated 1 October 2013 given the little time available to find other ways to evaluate the various options. In his view, maintaining the status quo for the composition of the various Committees was the most appropriate course of action at the present time. The Representative of Venezuela wished to point out, however, that the distribution of seats on Committees other than the ATC was rather unfair, with some Council Member States being represented on several Committees and others being represented on only one. He therefore proposed that the Working Group on Governance and Efficiency (WGGE) review the matter and make proposals to the Council with a view to achieving a balanced and fair distribution. While aware that all Council Members could attend Committee meetings, the Representative of Venezuela underscored that non-Committee Members participated only as observers, and therefore not on the same footing as Committee Members. Emphasizing the need to ensure that custom did

not become the norm, he suggested that adjustments be made to ensure that all Council Member States had equal opportunity to participate as members in Committees.

6. Observing that establishing the composition of the various Committees was not a simple undertaking, the President of the Council recalled that some States, in responding to his memorandum PRES RK/2205 dated 1 October 2013, had requested membership on all Committees. He underscored that that would have necessitated requesting the Council to waive the special provisions of the *Rules of Procedure for Standing Committees of the Council* (Doc 8146) relating to the size of the various Committees. If the Council agreed to the proposal by the Representative of Venezuela, then the WGGE could be requested to review the composition of the Committees and present proposals for its consideration.

7. Attention then turned to the action proposed in the executive summary of C-WP/14056 Revised. The Council agreed to suspend paragraph 3 of Appendix B and that part of paragraph 2 of Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559) related to the elections taking place by secret ballot unless waived by unanimous decision of the Members represented at the meeting.

8. On nominations by the Representative of Mexico, supported by the Representatives of the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Argentina, Nigeria, the Russian Federation and Libya, the Council elected the following Representatives as its Vice-Presidents for the period 2013-2014 pursuant to Appendix B of its Rules of Procedure:

Mr. Victor Manuel Aguado (Spain)	First Vice-President
Mr. Abdallah Ibrahim Hamed Mahmoud (Egypt)	Second Vice-President
Mr. David Alfonzo Blanco Carrero	Third Vice-President
[Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)]	

9. In offering clarification regarding his acceptance of the position of First Vice-President, the Representative of Spain noted that it was a strange coincidence that in the same year that his State had presented, and then withdrawn, his candidature for the presidency of the Council it fell to him to assume the first vice-presidency on the basis of his seniority on the Council. He had had doubts as to whether he should accept the nomination as he had not wished to give the impression that it was some type of compensation or the result of non-transparent negotiations, something which he would deeply abhor. However, once the Representative of Mexico had explained the context of his nomination, and the President of the Council had asked him to favourably consider it, the Representative of Spain had reflected on the contribution, large or small, that he could make for the good of ICAO as an organization and had decided to accept the nomination. He nonetheless hoped, and wished, that both the incumbent President of the Council and his successor would enjoy good health so that he would only have to do what was strictly necessary as the First Vice-President.

10. The President of the Council affirmed that the reason for the Representative of Spain's nomination was his length of service and that it was not in any way intended as compensation. He then congratulated the newly-elected Vice-Presidents and expressed appreciation to the outgoing Vice-Presidents for their excellent work over the course of the last year.

11. Pursuant to Appendix E of the *Rules of Procedure for the Council* (Doc 7559), the Council then:

- a) appointed the Members and Alternates of the ATC appearing in Appendix B of C-WP/14056 Revised for a period of three years, subject to the following changes: the replacement of Mr. Antonino Bardaro (Italy) by Mr. Enrico Padula as Member and the insertion of Mr. Bardaro as his Alternate; and the insertion of Mr. David Alfonzo Blanco Carrero [Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)] as Member;

- b) elected the Members and Alternates of the JSC, FIC, UIC, TCC and HRC appearing in Appendix B of the paper for the period 2013-2014, subject to the insertion of Mr. David Alfonso Blanco Carrero [Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)] as Member of the TCC;
- c) on nominations by the Representative of Burkina Faso, endorsed by the Representatives of Venezuela and the United Republic of Tanzania, elected the following as Chairpersons of the Council's subsidiary bodies listed below for the period 2013-2014 (cf. Appendix C):
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| ATC | Mr. Levers Mabaso (South Africa) |
| JSC | Mr. Toshihiro Koda (Japan) |
| FIC | Mr. Dionisio Méndez Mayora (Mexico) |
| UIC | Mr. Alexey Anatolievich Novgorodov (Russian Federation) |
| TCC | Mr. Yong Heng Lim (Malaysia) |
| HRC | Miss Aysha Al Hamili (United Arab Emirates) |
- d) elected Ms. Malgorzata Polkowska (Poland) to fill the vacancy on the EWA arising from the departure of the Representative of Slovenia; and
- e) noted the composition of the RHCC as presented in Appendix E and, on the nomination of the Representative of Singapore, supported by the Representatives of Argentina and the Dominican Republic, elected Mr. Jorge D'Escragnolle Taunay Filho (Brazil) as its Chairperson for the period 2013-2014.

12. The President of the Council congratulated the newly-elected Committee Chairpersons and wished them every success in the coming year. He also thanked the outgoing Chairpersons for their excellent cooperation and work during the past year.

13. As proposed by the President of the Council in light of the discussion, the Council requested the WGGE to review the composition of the Standing Committees of the Council and to report thereon during the 202nd Session in June 2014, prior to the election of Members and Alternates for the period 2014-2015.

Any other business

Subject No. 50: Questions relating to the environment

Appointment of a new Member on the Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection (CAEP)

14. In the absence of comments by 13 September 2013 to the President of the Council's e-mail dated 15 August 2013, Mrs. Daniela Ercolani has been appointed as the new CAEP Member from Italy to replace Mr. Girolamo Di Gregorio with effect from 14 September 2013.

Subject No. 18.4: Contributions by Contracting States and methods of assessment

Restoration of Gambia's voting rights

15. In the absence of comments by 18 September 2013 to the President of the Council's e-mail dated 13 September 2013, it is considered that the Council approved the proposal contained therein to restore Gambia's voting rights in the Assembly.

Informal briefing for new Council Representatives

16. The President of the Council strongly encouraged new Representatives, as well as any other interested returning Representatives, to attend the informal briefing to be given on 18 November 2013 at 0930 hours in the Council Chamber on the procedures and working methods of the Council and the work programmes and activities of the various Bureaux and Offices.

17. The meeting adjourned at 1515 hours.

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