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PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

Agency support costs

Note by the President

The President of the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has transmitted to the President of the Governing Council a statement adopted by the Council of ICAO on 10 May 1990.

The statement is transmitted herewith to the Council for its information.

STATEMENT ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) AT THE FIRST MEETING
OF ITS 130TH SESSION ON 10 MAY 1990

The ICAO Council holds technical assistance for civil aviation in high regard for it recognizes that, for many countries, technical assistance plays a major part in implementing the regulations which the Organization develops, and that a well developed civil aviation infrastructure is a major element in the economic growth of a country. The Council therefore welcomes the initiative the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has taken in examining how technical assistance is provided, and for its own part has now conducted a more detailed study of the Report of the Expert Group on Support Costs.

The International Civil Aviation Organization was formed in order to develop standards, the uniform implementation of which is necessary for the safety, regularity and efficiency of civil aviation on a world-wide basis. Additionally today, the establishment of aviation security standards to combat acts of unlawful interference against civil aviation is one of ICAO's more important responsibilities.

With the establishment of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (EPTA), the forerunner of the United Nations Development Programme, ICAO created the Technical Assistance Bureau to actualize the above-mentioned aims by delivering world-wide civil aviation technical co-operation. It has effectively fulfilled this purpose for the past 40 years in an unbiased manner to the benefit of all.

Therefore, in order to serve the interests and to meet the needs of the States in the best possible way, not only those receiving multilateral civil aviation development assistance, but also those States whose airlines are users of the aviation facilities, the Council of ICAO urges the UNDP Governing Council to strongly recommend to the United Nations General Assembly that the option offered to smaller technical agencies as described in paragraphs 397 and 407-409 of the Report of the Expert Group be retained in the final decision on successor arrangements for agency support costs.

ICAO, in the spirit of improving co-operation with the developing countries, is prepared to adopt new procedures which would lead to the improvement of current methods of delivering technical assistance and, finally, ICAO is open to and welcomes negotiations concerning agency support costs.
