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## **Four States give new impetus to CEATS**

Brussels, Belgium – The Ministers of Transport of four states, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary and Slovakia today signed a Statement giving fresh impetus to the CEATS Agreement.

The four agreed to go ahead with the implementation of the CEATS Agreement which will involve strengthening cooperation between the implementing states and service providers resulting in future functional consolidation on the basis of shared governance and responsibility. The project will constitute a cost-efficient solution in the interests of the users. It will be fully compatible with the Single European Sky concept and will allow the States and their ANSPs to respond proactively to the requirement of the EC's Single European Sky legislation.

The four states remind the Czech Republic, Croatia, Italy and Slovenia of their respective obligations under the CEATS Agreement, and urged them again to join with them in implementing the CEATS Agreement.

### **Note to Editors:**

EUROCONTROL, the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation, has as its primary objective the development of a seamless, pan-European air traffic management (ATM) system which fully accommodates the growth in air traffic, while maintaining a high level of safety, enhancing cost-efficiency and respecting the environment.

EUROCONTROL has 36 Member States: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom.

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On 8 October 2002, the Member States and the European Community signed a Protocol on the Accession of the European Community to the revised EUROCONTROL Convention. Pending its entry into force after ratification by all Parties, certain provisions of the Protocol are already being provisionally applied.

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