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EUROCONTROL welcomes report from High-Level Group on Aviation Regulation

Brussels, Belgium – EUROCONTROL welcomes the report delivered on 3 July to Jacques Barrot, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Transport from the High-Level Group on Aviation Regulation. The report provides a substantial and valuable contribution to the debate on the future of the regulatory framework for aviation in Europe.

The report underlines that with the increase in air traffic in Europe standing at 5% a year, there is clearly a need to accelerate the effective delivery of existing initiatives and to strengthen the capabilities of the key players by focusing on evolution rather than revolution. The Single European Sky initiative plays a key role in this regard; it is crucial that States make the necessary commitments if the Single European Sky is to deliver on these expectations. EUROCONTROL is working hand in hand with the European Commission to make the Single European Sky and SESAR a successful reality, and to meet expectations.

Key elements of the report related to EUROCONTROL include recommendations to further empower EUROCONTROL to play a key role in delivering the Single European Sky and SESAR objectives within the regulatory framework set by the EU; and to focus EUROCONTROL's activities on the exercise of its essential pan-European functions, ATM network design and support to regulation. The report also recommends that EUROCONTROL, as a founding member of the SESAR Joint Undertaking, together with the European Commission and in coordination with the industry will prepare the appropriate pan-European ATM governance and operational structures for the post 2013 SESAR development phase.

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

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

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all Parties, certain provisions of the Protocol are already being provisionally applied.

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