

D E C I S I O N N° 31

The representatives of the States parties to the International Convention relating to Cooperation for the Safety of Air Navigation signed in Brussels on 13 December 1960, meeting in Brussels as the Permanent Commission for the Safety of Air Navigation on 20 November 1980;

Having agreed to submit to a diplomatic conference the draft Protocol amending the Convention signed in Brussels on 13 December 1960;

Whereas Portugal has declared its intention of joining the EUROCONTROL Organisation as from the date of entry into force of the said Protocol;

UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED THE FOLLOWING :

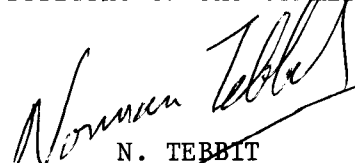
1. Portugal's application to become a Contracting Party to the EUROCONTROL International Convention relating to Cooperation for the Safety of Air Navigation as from the date of entry into force of the Protocol amending the said Convention is accepted.
2. Portugal will be invited to attend the diplomatic conference with a view to signing the Protocol amending the EUROCONTROL International Convention relating to Cooperation for the Safety of Air Navigation.
3. It is not planned to require Portugal, in particular in return for the rights it will acquire in regard to the Organisation's resources, to make a financial contribution prior to its admission as a Contracting Party to the amended Convention, including, inter alia, the Protocols signed on 6 July 1970 and 21 November 1978.

As from the date of entry into force of the amended Convention in the case of Portugal, the latter shall enjoy the same rights and be bound by the same obligations as existing Member States of the Organisation.

4. This decision shall be notified to Portugal by the President of the Permanent Commission.

Brussels, 20th November 1980

President of the Commission


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