

**EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION**

**“EUROCONTROL”**

**- Decisions of the Permanent Commission -**

**DECISION No. 71**

**on early implementation of certain provisions in the revised Convention, in particular in respect of the role and duties of the Organisation**

**THE PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION,**

Having regard to the EUROCONTROL International Convention relating to Co-operation for the Safety of Air Navigation, amended by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 12 February 1981, hereinafter referred to as “the amended Convention”, and in particular Articles 1(c), 2.1(j), 6.1 and 7.1 thereof;

Having regard to the Protocol consolidating the EUROCONTROL International Convention relating to Co-operation for the Safety of Air Navigation, which was opened for signature on 27 June 1997, and in particular the consolidated version of the Convention annexed thereto, hereinafter referred to as “the revised Convention”;

Having regard to the “Resolution on early implementation of the Protocol” adopted at the Diplomatic Conference on the said Protocol, held at Brussels on 27 June 1997;

Considering the need for an early implementation, where appropriate, of the revised Convention and the need to provide the Organisation for that purpose with the means necessary to fulfil from now on, as far as is practicable, its role and duties as provided for in the revised Convention;

**TAKES THE FOLLOWING DECISION :**

1. The Organisation shall, as far as practicable and insofar as compatible with the provisions of the amended Convention and of the Multilateral Agreement relating to Route Charges of 12 February 1981, undertake from now on the tasks entrusted to it pursuant to the revised Convention.
2. Within the scope of paragraph 1 above, the Organisation shall in particular undertake the tasks provided for in Article 2.1 of the revised Convention, reproduced in the Annex to the present Decision.
3. The present Decision shall enter into force on 1 January 1998.

Done at Brussels on 9 December 1997



Károly LOTZ

President of the Permanent Commission

ANNEX to Decision No. 71

Extract from the consolidated version of the EUROCONTROL International Convention relating to Co-operation for the Safety of Air Navigation, annexed to the Protocol opened for signature at Brussels on 27 June 1997.

“ Article 2

1. *The Organisation shall undertake the following tasks :*
  - (a) *to develop and endorse detailed plans for the harmonisation and integration of the air traffic services and systems of the Contracting Parties, in particular the ground and airborne air navigation systems, with a view to the establishment of a uniform European air traffic management system;*
  - (b) *to co-ordinate the implementation plans of the Contracting Parties so as to secure convergence towards a uniform European air traffic management system;*
  - (c) *to examine and co-ordinate on behalf of the Contracting Parties matters in the field of air navigation studied by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and other international organisations concerned with civil aviation and to co-ordinate and submit amendments or proposals to these bodies;*
  - (d) *to define, design, develop, validate and organise the implementation of a uniform European air traffic management system;*
  - (e) *to develop and operate a common European air traffic flow management system at a common international centre in the framework of (d) above;*
  - (f) *to develop, adopt and keep under review common standards, specifications and practices or air traffic management systems and services;*
  - (g) *to develop and endorse procedures towards a strategy for the common procurement of air traffic systems and facilities;*
  - (h) *to co-ordinate the Contracting Parties' research and development programmes relating to new techniques in the field of air navigation, to collect and distribute their results and to promote and conduct common studies, tests and applied research as well as technical developments in this field;*
  - (i) *establish an independent performance review system that will address all aspects of air traffic management, including policy and planning, safety management at and around airports and in the airspace, as well as financial and economic aspects of services rendered, and set targets that will address all these aspects;*
  - (j) *to study and promote measures for improving cost-effectiveness and efficiency in the field of air navigation;*
  - (k) *to develop and endorse common criteria, procedures and methods to ensure the highest efficiency and quality of air traffic management systems and air traffic services;*

- (l) *to develop proposals for the harmonisation of European air traffic services regulations;*
- (m) *to support the improvement of efficiency and flexibility in the use of airspace between civil and military users;*
- (n) *to develop and endorse co-ordinated or common policies to improve air traffic management at and around airports;*
- (o) *to develop and endorse common criteria for the selection, and common policies for the training, licensing and proficiency checking of air traffic services staff;*
- (p) *to develop, establish and operate the future common European system elements entrusted to it by the Contracting Parties;*
- (q) *to establish, bill and collect the route charges on behalf of the Contracting Parties participating in the common route charges system as provided for in Annex IV;*
- (r) *to establish and implement a mechanism for the multilateral development and harmonisation of safety regulation in the air traffic management field;*
- (s) *to perform any other task relating to the principles and objectives of this Convention."*