

# EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION

## EUROCONTROL

- Decisions of the Permanent Commission -

### DECISION N° 81

**approving modifications to Annex 1 to the amended Convention (Statute of the Agency)**

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, and in particular Article 32 thereof and Articles 22, 22bis and 23 of Annex 1 thereto, relating to the Statute of the Agency, as amended by Decisions N° 73 of 9 December 1997 and N° 76 of 13 November 1998;

On the proposal of the Provisional Council,

ACTING ON A UNANIMOUS VOTE, HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATUTE OF THE AGENCY:

#### Article 1

Article 22 of the Statute of the Agency shall be revoked.

#### Article 2

Article 22bis of the Statute of the Agency shall be replaced by the following:

*"Article 22bis*

1. *An Audit Board shall, inter alia:*
  - (a) *examine annually all budgetary receipts and expenditure entered in the accounts of the Agency;*
  - (b) *report to the Commission concerning the level of transparency of the Agency's decisions and procedures, in particular in the field of the establishment of standards for ATC equipment, public procurement and staff recruitment.*


*Audit Board expenditure shall be borne by the Organisation.*
2. *The Terms of Reference of the Audit Board shall be approved by the Commission in accordance with the majority provided for in Article 7.4 of the Convention.*

3. *The Commission shall invite six Contracting Parties on a rotation basis to designate a representative to sit on the Audit Board for a period of four years, on the understanding that for the first period of the board three of these representatives will be invited to sit on the board for a period of two years.*
4. (a) *For the purpose of the audit of the accounts referred to in paragraph 1.(a) above, the Audit Board shall be assisted in its work by external consultant auditors. The outside firm of consultant auditors shall be appointed by the Commission in accordance with the voting procedure provided for in Article 7.4 of the Convention.*  
  
(b) *For the purpose of the audit of the level of transparency referred to in paragraph 1.(b) above, the Audit Board may be assisted in its work by external consultants.*
5. *The purpose of the audit referred to in paragraph 1.(a) above, which shall be made from vouchers and if necessary in situ, shall be to establish the regularity of receipts and expenditure and to verify that the financial administration is satisfactory. The Audit Board shall present a report to the Commission following the close of each financial year."*

### Article 3

1. The modifications to the Statute of the Agency approved by this decision shall be applied as from the financial year 2000.
2. Notwithstanding the present Decision, the Control Board shall examine and report on the accounts for the financial year 1999 and, for this purpose, the provisions of Article 22 of the Statute of the Agency shall apply until the Commission gives a final ruling on the said accounts.

Done at Brussels on 12 November 1999.

  
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Vice-President of the Commission