European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation

"EUROCONTROL"

- Decisions of the Permanent Commission -

DECISION N° 9

relating to the conclusion of a multilateral agreement between the Eurocontrol Organisation and Member States for the protection of "Eurocontrol Classified Material".

THE PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION,

Having regard to the "Eurocontrol" International Convention relating to cooperation for the Safety of Air Navigation, and in particular to para. 2 g) of Article 6, para. b) of Article 7, and Article 12 thereof;

Considering that the preamble to the Convention of 13th December 1960, and particularly the penultimate paragraph thereof, makes it clear that in signing the Convention the founder Member States of the Organisation agreed to pay due regard to the requirements of national defence;

Considering that action should be taken to protect information and other matter communicated to the Organisation by a Member State or a third party, the unauthorised disclosure of which might adversely affect the security interests of a Member State;

Considering that in this respect, it is necessary to provide a legal basis to the obligations which consequently devolve on the Organisation and on its Member States;

HAS TAKEN THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Article 1

The Organisation will conclude a multilateral agreement with Member States. The text of this agreement, including the Security Provisions which form an integral part thereof, is annexed to this Decision.
Article 2

The standards, relating to screening procedure and the extent of screening, as well as to the evaluation of security risks referred to in Article 16 of the Security Provisions, shall be as follows:

1. There shall be checks against departmental and national security records, and against central criminal records, where these latter exist, or other comparable governmental and police records for any recorded indication of disloyalty or untrustworthiness.

2. Without prejudice to the application of the national regulations, there shall also be checks against any pressures to which the individual involved may be exposed by virtue of his behaviour, character history and legal, moral or family status.

Article 3

A request to accede to the Eurocontrol Convention made by a State will not be considered unless the security screening procedures of the said State are of at least as high a standard as those contained in Article 2 above.

Article 4

The President of the Permanent Commission is authorised to conclude, on behalf of the Organisation, the multilateral agreement mentioned in Article 1 above.

Done at Brussels, this third day of July, 1969

The President of the Permanent Commission,

M. J. KEYZER