relating to the preparation of bilateral agreements between the
Agency and the States party of the Brussels Convention of 13th
December 1960, with a view to the taking over by the Agency of
the air traffic services in the upper airspace entrusted to the said
Agency under the Convention.

THE PERMANENT COMMISSION FOR THE SAFETY OF
AIR NAVIGATION,

Considering the EUROCONTROL International Convention
relating to co-operation for the safety of air navigation, and, in
particular, Article 31;

Considering that under the aforesaid Convention, the Con-
tracting Parties "have entrusted to the Agency the air traffic ser-
vices in the airspace defined by the Commission";

Considering that during a transitional period between the
present Organisation of control services and the final organisation
of these services, it is expedient to ensure the gradual transforma-
tion of such organisation, taking into account both the practical
requirements and the legal imperatives of the Convention of 13th
December 1960;

Considering that it is desirable that for this transitional
period, the States should provide the Agency with temporary
assistance in the form of personnel and equipment;

Considering that it is necessary that such collaboration
between the Eurocontrol services and the national services should
be established in an agreement between the Organisation and the
States concerned;

Considering that in view of the Convention of 13rh December
1960 being effective, it is urgent that the Agency should be in a
position to effect the responsibilities devolving upon it under the
Convention;
GIVES THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVE TO THE AGENCY:

Article 1

The Agency shall undertake negotiations with the States party to the Convention of 13th December 1960 with a view to concluding bilateral agreements relating to the assumption of responsibility for the air traffic services in the upper airspace, the configuration of which will be determined by the Commission at a later date.

Article 2

It is desirable that these agreements should establish the collaboration between the Eurocontrol services and the national services, for a transitional period of about one year.

Article 3

It is desirable that these agreements should be concluded before 1st July 1963, and should become effective as soon as possible, and on 1st January 1964 at the latest.

Done at Brussels, on this 9th day of April 1963.

By the Commission,
THE PRESIDENT,

Hans-Christoph SEEBOHM.