concerning the development of a Satellite Navigation System for Europe

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 in Brussels on 12 February 1981, and in particular Articles 7.2, 11 and 12 thereof;

Having regard to the deliberations of the Committee of Management at its 177th Session held on 2-4 November 1994;

Considering that the development of a European Satellite Navigation System would contribute to the attainment of the objectives of the European Air Traffic Control Harmonisation and Integration Programme (EATCHIP);

Considering that the Council of the European Union, at its meeting on 21/22 November 1994, adopted a Resolution on the European contribution to the development of a Global Satellite Navigation System;

Considering that the purpose of the European Space Agency is to provide for and to promote cooperation among European States in space research and technology and their space applications;

Considering that to avoid duplication of efforts and to strengthen their international position, close cooperation between EUROCONTROL, the European Commission and the European Space Agency is necessary, particularly with regard to the use of the Atlantic Ocean Region East (AOR-E) and Indian Ocean Region (IOR) INMARSAT satellites;

Taking into account the INMARSAT Call for Allocations for implementation of a navigation payload operational service on these satellites;

Considering that it is necessary for EUROCONTROL to conclude, in common with the European Commission and the European Space Agency, an agreement with INMARSAT, obligatorily through the intermediaries of France Telecom and Deutsche Bundespost Telekom (signatories to the INMARSAT convention), for the lease of transponder capacity on the Atlantic Ocean Region-East and Indian Ocean Region INMARSAT satellites;
HEREBY TAKES THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

1. The Agency is authorised to open with the European Commission and the European Space Agency negotiations relating to an agreement as indicated above required to develop a satellite navigation system for Europe.

The Agency is also authorised to open negotiations with such other parties as are necessary to achieve this objective.

2. The decision relating to the conclusion of these agreements is delegated to the Agency.

Done at Brussels, on 31.01.95

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Permanent Commission