EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION

EUROCONTROL

- Measures of the Permanent Commission -

MEASURE No. 83/26

approving an Agreement for Cooperation with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

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 Articles 2.1(h), 2.1(i), 7.2 and 11 thereof;

HEREBY TAKES THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

Article 1

The Agreement at annex to this Measure is hereby approved.

Article 2

The Director General is authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Organisation.

Done at Brussels on 11.08.95

Dr Michael FRENDO
President of the Permanent Commission
AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE
EUROPEAN ORGANISATION FOR THE SAFETY OF AIR NAVIGATION (EUROCONTROL)
AND THE
INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO)

The International Civil Aviation Organization, hereinafter referred to as ICAO,

and

The European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation, hereinafter referred to as EUROCONTROL,

Having regard to the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944, hereinafter referred to as the "Chicago Convention";

Having regard to the EUROCONTROL International Convention Relating to Cooperation for the Safety of Air Navigation of 13 December 1960 as amended by the Protocol signed in Brussels on 12 February 1981, hereinafter referred to as the "amended EUROCONTROL Convention", and in particular to its Article 11;

Having regard to the Agreement for Cooperation between EUROCONTROL and ICAO dated 4 November 1965;

Considering that in accordance inter alia with the recommendations of the Ministers of Transport of the Member States of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) and taking into account the importance attached to these matters by the European Union, facilities have been developed and implemented by EUROCONTROL in the field of Air Traffic Flow Management and the Harmonisation and Integration of Air Traffic Control within the airspace of ECAC Member States;

Considering the growing number of States acceding to the amended EUROCONTROL Convention and that all ECAC and EUROCONTROL Contracting Parties also belong to ICAO;

Considering that ICAO's growing global and regional responsibilities require close cooperation with EUROCONTROL in the EUR Region, particularly with regard to the compatibility of procedures and the coordination of planning;

Considering the growing number of new States in the eastern part of the ICAO EUR Region which are acceding to the Chicago Convention;
Considering that it is therefore in the common interest of both EUROCONTROL and ICAO to ensure that development of the European air navigation system is coordinated and to guarantee its compatibility with adjacent areas;

Desiring to establish, in working towards this end, a closer basis for cooperation;

Have agreed to replace the Agreement dated 4 November 1965 with the following provisions so as to strengthen the degree of cooperation already existing between them:

ARTICLE 1

1. The scope of the strengthened cooperation shall embrace the area of air navigation in which the responsibilities of EUROCONTROL and those of ICAO complement one another.

2. Such cooperation shall be exercised, inter alia, in the following fields:

   a) implementation of the European component of the ICAO Communications, Navigation and Surveillance/Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) systems;

   b) realization of the objectives of the ECAC strategies through EUROCONTROL’s European Air Traffic Control Harmonisation and Integration Programme (EATCHIP);

   c) development and maintenance of the European Regional Air Navigation Plan (EUR ANP); and

   d) provision of advisory and support services to States with regard to systems development and appropriate training.

ARTICLE 2

The cooperation between the parties to the present Agreement shall be based, inter alia, on the following arrangements:

a) EUROCONTROL and ICAO shall consult each other on a regular basis with a view to coordinating their activities and to eliminating any duplication of effort.

b) In order to coordinate their work programmes and to gain mutual benefit from their respective experience, EUROCONTROL and ICAO shall inform one another of the progress made in activities and programmes of common interest and submit/transmit documents, studies and minutes of meetings.
ARTICLE 3

Each Organization shall be kept informed of meetings convened by the other relating to any of the matters referred to in Article 1 hereof, and shall, subject to applicable rules of procedure, be invited to be represented as observers at such meetings. Relevant documentation shall be communicated to each Organization, to the extent possible, in advance of each meeting, and each Organization shall be entitled to propose the inclusion of items on the agenda, submit contributions to such meetings, and participate, without vote, in discussions.

ARTICLE 4

ICAO has the exclusive competence to establish international Standards, Recommended Practices and Procedures in the aeronautical field as stipulated by the Chicago Convention. ICAO shall invite EUROCONTROL to comment on the drafts of these documents and on draft amendments when related to matters of interest to EUROCONTROL.

ARTICLE 5

EUROCONTROL shall compile and supply ICAO with relevant data for updating the requirements listed in the European Regional Plan (ICAO Doc 7754) in an agreed format.

ARTICLE 6

Execution of the present Agreement should not, under normal circumstances, entail any financial implication for either party.

Should this not prove to be the case, the matter will be addressed through an exchange of letters between the two Organizations.

ARTICLE 7

Working relations aimed at achieving cooperation, the object of the present Agreement, shall be established between the Director General of the EUROCONTROL Agency and the Secretary General of ICAO.

Detailed provisions for cooperation may be agreed to between the two parties through an exchange of letters.
ARTICLE 8

This Agreement may be revised in writing upon the consent of both parties.

ARTICLE 9

Each Organization shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement with three months' written notice.

ARTICLE 10

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature. It shall supersede the provisions of the Agreement for Cooperation dated 4 November 1965.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized to that effect, have signed this Agreement.

Done in the English language at Montreal, on this day of 1995.

for the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation

for the International Civil Aviation Organization