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Establishment of a high level group on the future of European ATM Framework

Follow-up of the "Brussels regulation Conference" (20 September)

Terms of reference

Following the Brussels Conference of 20 September 2006 on the future of aviation regulation in Europe VP Jacques Barrot has decided to create a high level group. The group shall work on further developing the main outcomes of the Conference:

1. How can we ensure the simplification of the current regulatory framework?
2. What should be the roadmap towards reforming the regulatory framework?
3. How can the Community method be the driving force in regulation?
4. How should we ensure successful stakeholder involvement?
5. What is the optimal way for the Community - in partnership with the Member States - to develop EASA as the Community safety authority to guarantee a total system approach?
6. What should be Eurocontrol's new role in supporting EC and States under the Community umbrella?
7. How can we develop the industrial dimension of ATM (Public-Private partnership approach and SESAR initiative)?

Objective

The group shall provide input to the Commission. The Commission intends to present the Single European Sky mid-term review[1] by mid-2007, as requested by the European Parliament and Council.

Composition

The high level group is composed of representatives from the aviation community who will produce a report to VP Barrot outlining the proposals for future of ATM regulation.

- Ms Jacqueline Tammenoms Bakker (Director General Air Transport NL)
- Mr Thilo Schmidt (Chairman of management board European Aviation Safety Agency - EASA)
- Mr David McMillan (Director General Civil Aviation UK)

[1] Article 12(2) of Regulation (EC) 549/2004 of the European Parliament and the Council (The Framework Regulation)

- Mr Raymond Cron (Director General Civil Aviation Administration CH)
- Mr Michel Wachenheim (President of European Civil Aviation Conference – ECAC)
- Mr Victor Aguado (Director General Eurocontrol)
- Mr Fritz Feitl (Chairman Industry Consultation Body)
- Mr Alexander Ter Kuile (Secretary General Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation - CANSO)
- Mr Jeff Poole (Director International Air Transport Association - IATA)
- Mr Olivier Jankovec (Director General Airports Council International - ACI)

DG TREN Air Transport directorate will provide the secretariat under the leadership of Luc Tytgat.

Roadmap

- Announcement of the creation and composition of the group in co-ordination with the Eurocontrol Provisional Council Presidents Bureau, by the November 2006 Provisional Council.
- Inaugural meeting on 8th November 2006.
- Second meeting on 19th December 2006.
- Up to one meeting per month.
- Report in mid-2007.

The work of the group could include hearings of the users and all relevant actors of the aviation industry.

It should also include inputs from the SESAR definition phase report, especially as regards the type of system architecture and operational concept.

The group will conclude its work by tabling their report to VP Barrot.