DECISION N° 2005/01/E OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AGENCY

of 27 April 2005

on the establishment of the Internal Safety Committee

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY

Having regard to the Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2002 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency¹ (hereinafter referred to as "the Basic Regulation"), in particular Articles 2(1), 5(5), 11(1), 11(4) and 17thereof,

Whereas:

Aviation Safety is the Agency's key objective. It must ensure that high safety standards for European civil aviation are set and achieved in a cost effective manner. It therefore shall identify the most critical risks to aviation safety and then target these areas for safety improvement.

The execution of the Agency's safety mission can be better achieved by establishing a structure composed of a cross-directorial membership, able to monitor and act upon significant safety issues so that the frequency of fatal accidents does not increase in line with forecast growth in traffic.

The Executive Director, is entitled, in accordance with Article 29(3)(e) of the Basic Regulation, to take all necessary steps to ensure the good functioning of the Agency,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

¹ OJ L 240, 7.9.2002, p. 1.

Article 1

The "Internal Safety Committee" (ISC) is hereby established.

Article 2

The ISC comprises the Agency Directors, except the Administrative Director, the Head of Safety analysis and research and other members who shall be nominated by their respective Directorates and approved by the Executive Director.

The ISC may invite whatever persons interested in aviation safety for the discussion of specific items. Such participation does not create additional membership.

Article 3

The ISC will:

- establish appropriate European aviation safety performance indicators;
- review such performance indicators and identify trends in aviations safety levels evolutions;
- review reports on significant safety issues;
- monitor follow-up actions on accident investigators recommendations;
- propose, for final adoption by the Executive Director, a Safety Plan that will act as a framework within which safety improvement activities can be co-ordinated and managed effectively;
- propose, for final adoption by the Executive Director, the Agency annual safety review requested by article 11(4) of the Basic Regulation.

Article 4

The ISC shall meet at least 4 times per year. The meetings shall be scheduled in a way allowing for active cooperation and information sharing among the Directorates.

Article 5

The ISC shall be chaired by the Executive Director or in his absence by the Rulemaking Director.

The ISC shall adopt its own working procedures.

The Head of Safety analysis and research shall act as secretary of the ISC.

Done at Cologne, 27 April 2005

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