

EASA MANAGEMENT BOARD

08 April 2003

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE EASA MANAGEMENT BOARD

0. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The attending members or alternates were the following:

Austria:	Mr. Karl PRACHNER
Belgium:	Mr. Erik VAN NUFFEL
Denmark:	Mr. Henning CHRISTENSEN
Finland:	Mr. Kim SALONEN
France:	Mr. René GAUDIN
Germany:	Mr. Thilo SCHMIDT
Greece:	Mr. Nicholas KAVADAS
Ireland:	Mr. Robin MCKAY
Italy:	Mr. Salvatore SCIACCHITANO
Luxembourg:	Mr. Henri KLEIN
Netherlands:	Mr. Jules KNEEPKENS
Portugal:	Mr. José E. DA COSTA QUEIROZ
Sweden:	Mr Arne AXELSSON
United Kingdom:	Mrs. Pat RICKETTS
European Commission:	Mr. Michel AYRAL

The list of all participants, including alternates and advisers, is attached.

1. AGENDA

The Management Board unanimously adopted the following agenda.

For decision

- (1) Adoption of the agenda (WP 1)
- (2) Adoption of the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Management Board (WP 2)
- (3) Planning of next Management Board meetings and confirmation of next meeting (WP 3)

For discussion

- (4) State of play and update to the work programme (WP4)
- (5) A.O.B

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 7th meeting of the Board were adopted with the following modifications:

- List of Participants : this has been corrected to reflect members present

The final text will be published.

3. PLANNING OF THE NEXT MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETINGS

The Management Board agreed to hold its next meetings on the following dates :

- 29 April 2003
- 20 May 2003
- 17 June 2003
- 10 July 2003
- (26 August 2003)
- 2 September 2003
- 16 September 2003.

Note that the 26 August meeting is provisional. It will only be held only if deemed necessary in the light of progress with the Agency work programme.

4. STATE OF PLAY AND UPDATE OF THE WORKPROGRAMME

The 2003 work programme has so far been implemented without delay except for the nomination of the Executive Director. The Agency's work for the forthcoming weeks consequently needs to be re-organised in order to take into account the absence of an Executive Director. An update work programme (WP4) has been

presented to the Board and a further review of the work programme will also be presented in June

In the coming weeks the Agency will focus on those tasks which can be undertaken in the absence of an Executive Director. In the meantime, all preparatory work for the tasks that cannot be completed without the Director will be continued.

The Board had a broad discussion on the two major tasks that are currently in the pipe-line.

- Rulemaking process

The objective is to take a decision on the subject during the 20 May meeting, after consulting the ABIP. One member expressed their concern that no broader consultation was envisaged. A consultation extended to NAAs, third countries and international aviation organisations would have helped to maintain the mutual confidence that had been built up over the years. In response to this, the Commission pointed out that the EASA rulemaking procedure will be different in nature to the JAA procedures as it has to take into account existing EU law. In view of the limited time available for implementation a broader consultation is not feasible. It will be possible to modify the rules from time to time as experience develops.

- Working relationship with the JAA

Members again underlined the need for a clear, effective and practical understanding between EASA and the JAA about their respective roles and responsibilities during this transition period. In the course of an extensive discussion it was noted that, while a formal and binding legal arrangement would present difficulties, it is important to document the roles and responsibilities as soon as possible. It was agreed that the Commission would prepare a paper listing the various tasks and responsibilities for the Board's next meeting. The appropriate status of the paper could be addressed subsequently.

- Examination of the process of transposition of Implementing Rules for consistency with Community Law

The legal experts are currently working on the draft Implementing Rules on the basis of the work done by six core groups. A consultation should take place as from mid May, so that the necessary Opinion can be issued by the Executive Director.

The Board understands the difficulty of conducting such a wide consultation with the limited staff resources available within the current Agency secretariat. The possibility and modalities for tasking that work to the JAA will therefore be explored

5. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The Management Board will meet on 29 April in Brussels.

6. AOB

▪ Outcomes of Transport Council

As a consequence of the delay in the appointment of the Executive Director, the Commission intends to continue assisting the Agency as far as possible, so that it will become operational by the intended deadline.

▪ Call for candidatures to the Position of Executive Director.

The call for candidatures is ready. The goal is to appoint the new Director mid- July. Nevertheless, the publication of the call could be delayed by the harmonisation of recruitment procedures for the Directors of Agencies.

▪ Arrival of acceding countries as observers within the EASA Management Board.

The Commission will write to the Permanent Representatives of these countries and will invite them to appoint representatives to the Board.

For the Management Board

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Chairman

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