

EASA MANAGEMENT BOARD

18 March 2003

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH 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 (for all points except point 4. Proxy given to Mr. Jules KNEEPKENS)
Denmark:	Mr. Henning CHRISTENSEN
Finland:	Mr. Kim SALONEN
France:	Mr. Michel WACHENHEIM
Germany:	Mr. Thilo SCHMIDT (from beginning up to point 5) Chairman of the meeting for points 1-2-5-6 Mr Horst BUSACKER (As from point 5)
Greece:	Mr. Athanassios THEODOROPOULOS
Ireland:	Mr. Robin MCKAY
Italy:	Mr. Alessandro CARDI
Luxembourg:	Mr. Henri KLEIN
Netherlands:	Mr. Jules KNEEPKENS
Portugal:	Mr. José E. da Costa QUEIROZ
Sweden:	Mrs Kersti KARLSSON
United Kingdom:	Mr. Michael SMETHERS Chairman of the meeting for points 3 and 4
European Commission:	Mr. Michel AYRAL

Representation by proxy of :

Spain: proxy given to Mr. Athanassios THEODOROPOULOS

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

1. AGENDA

The Management Board adopted unanimously the following agenda, agreeing also to proceed according to an order that would allow points open to observers to be dealt with first (1, 2, 5, 6, 3, 4):

Administrative part (for decision):

- 1) Adoption of the agenda [WP 1]
- 2) Adoption of the minutes of 6th meeting of the Management Board (WP 2)
- 3) Adoption of the preliminary draft budget 2004 for the EASA (WP3)
- 4) Appointment of the Executive Director
- 5) Confirmation of next meeting

For discussion:

- 6) Negotiations with ECAC/JAA on the JAA/EASA co-operation (WP5)
- 7) AOB (arrival of initial staff for the Agency- participation of third countries to the debates of the Management board)

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the 6th meeting of the Board were adopted with the following modifications:

- Item 3 is replaced with:

After a lengthy discussion the Board concluded on a secret ballot that it was unable to appoint an Executive director in this meeting.

The final text will be published.

3. ADOPTION OF THE PROJECT OF PRELIMINARY DRAFT BUDGET 2004 FOR THE EASA

The draft budget has been established upon four assumptions :

- In 2004 the Agency will be fully operational
- all credits available for 2003 will be used
- as from 2004 the Agency will start to get revenues out of its certification tasks
- there will be 25 EU members

The total budget is of 17 millions €. The Community contribution upon which the budget has been drafted is of 11 millions €, 824 000 from third countries contributions, some 5 millions € from fees and charges, and 166 000 € from administrative operations. The Board was advised that the draft budget did not at this stage envisage the payment of intellectual property rights to the JAA. The Board was reminded that this document is only a draft budget, and that it will be adjusted by the Budget Authority, Parliament and Council.

The preliminary draft budget 2004 was adopted unanimously by the Management Board.

4. APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Management Board agreed on examining the two candidacies that had been presented by the Commission and on interviewing the candidates. Criteria for selection were agreed on beforehand as well as the necessary skills for the position. The two candidates were interviewed in turn by the Board, the order being decided by the toss of a coin.

Since neither of the candidates received a 3/4 majority of the votes as required by Article 30 of the EASA Regulation, it was not possible to appoint an Executive Director. Accordingly, the Board requested the Commission to initiate a new selection process as soon as possible.

The Board requested the Commission to make proposals for the management of the Secretariat during the interim period."

5. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING

The Management Board will meet on 8 April in Brussels.

6. NEGOTIATIONS WITH ECAC/JAA ON THE JAA/EASA CO-OPERATION

A paper was presented by a member to complement the document that had been presented during the previous Management Board on the so-called Option 3, i.e. the participation of third countries in technical EASA activities.

The Management Board discussed the various options available to have a better involvement of third countries within EASA, and paid specific attention to the arguments provided by the Commission on the necessity to find the adequate regulatory framework, and not to make the existing system more complex. The Management Board will review the subject as necessary at future meetings.

7.AOB

- Arrival of initial staff for the Agency :

The arrival of initial staff for the Agency was announced to the Management Board. This team is currently composed of five persons, and two other persons will join in the forthcoming weeks. These persons are employed on a temporary basis. The tasks have been split among this team, and the Commission will be able to progressively withdraw its direct assistance to the Agency.

- Participation of Associated countries to the debates

The Board noted that until legal agreements had been made with third countries to define their participation in the Agency, they could not take part in all Board discussions. The Commission reported on the discussions for such agreements currently under way. The Management Board confirmed in the meantime its willingness to open parts of its discussions to those countries admitted as observers.

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