European Aviation Safety Agency

OPINION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD ON ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2008

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN AVIATION SAFETY AGENCY

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC (OJ L 79, 19/03/2008, p. 1),

Having regard to the European Aviation Safety Agency's Financial Regulation Article 83 as adopted by MB Decision 06-2009 of the Management Board on 9 June 2009, amending the MB Decision 15-2007 of 14 December 2007,

Having regard to the observations of the European Court of Auditors on the Agency's accounts 2008, forwarded to the Chairman of the Board by the President of the Court on 15 June 2009,

Taking into account the results of the written procedure for the adoption of this opinion,

HAS DECIDED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING OPINION:

The Management Board notes that the European Court of Auditors in its observations on the provisional accounts has made no reservation concerning the implementation of the European Aviation Safety Agency's annual budget for 2008. On the basis of the examination of the final accounts, presented to it on 09/06/2009 by the Executive Director, and on the basis of the Court's observations and the replies given to them by the Agency, the Management Board of the European Aviation Safety Agency has obtained sufficient assurance in order to conclude that the said accounts, taken as a whole, represent a true and fair view of the implementation of the European Aviation Safety Agency's budget and, in the opinion of the Management Board, properly reflect the activities undertaken by the European Aviation Safety Agency during 2008.

Done at Cologne,

[Signed]

Michael Smethers Chair of the Management Board