



## **PRESS RELEASE: Europe helps deliver global interoperability at ICAO's Twelfth Air Navigation Conference**

Montreal, 19 November 2012 – **The States of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC), the European Union and EUROCONTROL, working with the European Aviation Safety Agency, the EUROCONTROL Agency, the European Commission, the SESAR Joint Undertaking and the ECAC Secretariat are playing a central role at ICAO's Twelfth Air Navigation Conference (AN-Conf/12) taking place until 30 November 2012 in Montreal, Canada.**

The European objective is to join forces with other partners in the world's aviation community to help define the steps necessary to create a seamless global aviation system. The AN-Conf/12 is an opportunity to address the needs of different Air Traffic Management (ATM) modernisation programmes in a variety of States and regions, and to plan the timely establishment of the global standards required by the SESAR programme.

As a result of close coordination between the European organisations and the 44 States of ECAC, 36 working papers have been submitted as joint proposals to the Conference. These papers contain recommendations and actions aimed at improving the planning, development and implementation of future changes in the ATM system. Two working papers have been jointly submitted with the United States.

Interoperability is at the heart of European ATM modernisation and a key component of the Single European Sky (SES), which aims both to improve overall performance and to harmonise ATM in the European Union's Member States, as well as in other States with which there is cooperation. Meanwhile, formal agreements are already in place between Europe's SESAR programme and the US programme, NextGen, as well as with Japan's CARATS programme.

The European Aviation Safety Agency, European Commission, EUROCONTROL, the SESAR Joint Undertaking and the European Civil Aviation Conference have a joint stand at the AN-Conf/12 Exhibition, which is being held until 21 November 2012. Under the slogan, "Partnering to deliver global interoperability", the five organisations are presenting Europe's involvement in a globally harmonised aviation system.

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