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International Maintenance Review Board Policy Board (IMRBPB) meets at EASA

Best practise and harmonisation of policies is the main goal of the annual International Maintenance Review Board Policy Board (IMRBPB) meeting. This year, the conference is hosted and chaired by the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and will take place in Cologne from 22 to 25 April 2008.

The aim of the Board is to advocate the worldwide standardisation of maintenance policy procedures. At the annual conference structured discussions between regulatory authorities and industry lead to the development of national and international maintenance recommendations. "Harmonisation of maintenance requirements is an important step for aviation safety worldwide", says Patrick Goudou, the Agency's Executive Director. "The Board is a good example how co-operation between industry and regulatory authorities can lead to enhanced safety."

Members of the Board are EASA, the Federal Aviation Authorities (FAA), Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA), Hong Kong Civil Aviation Department (CAD), National Civil Aviation Agency – Brazil (ANAC) and Civil Aviation Authority Australia (CASA). The meeting will additionally be attended by industry representatives from international manufacturers and operators as well as from the Air Transport Association (ATA) and the International Air Transport Association (IATA). For the first time, Russian and Chinese authority and industry representatives have been invited to the meeting this year.

Note to editors:

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) was set up by the EU in 2003 to promote the highest common standards of safety and environmental protection in civil aviation. Based in Cologne, the Agency currently employs some 350 experts and administrators from all over Europe.

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