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ATM working group meeting 4 July 2007 Concise minutes (adopted on 22 November 2007)

Chair: Morning session: Mr Magee (ETF), afternoon session: Ms Desseaux (CANSO)

1. Adoption of the agenda and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting

The agenda and the minutes of the last meeting (1 March 2007) were adopted, with additions under AOB and amendments.

2. Report on the Just Culture Conference

The conference (Bucharest, 19-20 June 2007¹) was considered a success, also thanks to the fact that break-up groups had allowed each participant to actively participate in the debate. The project group would meet on 5 September in order to assess the conference and to discuss its follow-up. The Commission representative confirmed that the just culture working group could meet afterwards if there was a decent work programme regarding this topic.

3. Agreement on the working group's work programme

The Commission representative reminded the parties that meetings would be organised on the basis of a decent work programme of the working group (which formed part of the sectoral dialogue committee's work programme to be adopted at the plenary meeting). ETF pleaded for including SESAR in the work programme, on which CANSO eventually agreed. A point on the report of the High Level Group on aviation regulation and the Commission's review of the Single European Sky was also added.

4. Engineers' competence scheme

The subgroup had met on 28 June and produced a paper (CANSO-ETF Common Understanding on the ATSEP competence and training scheme, draft 03.07.07) which

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<http://www.canso.org/Canso/Web/events/industry+events/European+Just+Culture+Conference.htm?archive=true>

was still under discussion. The subgroup would first have to adopt the text and circulate it afterwards. The objective would be to endorse it at the next working group meeting.

5. Functional airspace blocks

The workers' side informed the participants about the preparation of the conference to be held in Paris on 8-9 October. The conference would be the ideal place to promote the joint text which was on the table. There was some debate on the title (and by it on the level of commitment the text represented for the signatory parties). Whilst the workers' side proposed "code of conduct", the employers' side accepted "guidelines". It was agreed to use the following title: "Guidelines for consultation arrangements for functional airspace blocks". For CANSO, no further changes should be made to the text. The text was endorsed – the final (signed) version would be integrated in the social dialogue texts database².

6. Information from DG TREN

Mr Tytgat and Mr De Vos (DG TREN) reported about recent progress with regard to the Single Sky Committee, the National Supervisory Authorities, SESAR, the High Level Group report³, the SEE FABA, and economic regulation. The dialogue with the social partners centred on consultation, consolidation, the status of the High Level Group report with regard to the Commission's future work (it would help the Commission to prepare proposals which would be accompanied by impact assessments, and stakeholder consultation), the - in the workers' view - too airline-driven SESAR project, and the lack of further information on the SEE FABA since the social forum of April.

8. Any other business

ETF informed about the Joint Air Traffic Management Working Group (JATMWG) Conference 2007 "Single European Sky - Can we make it work?"⁴.

The meeting was informed that Mr Magee had chaired the meeting for the last time. He was warmly thanked for his contribution.

The next meetings of the ATM working group are planned for 22 November 2007 and 6 March 2008. The Commission representative called upon the parties to circulate draft papers well in advance of meetings, which should be possible given that meeting dates were planned a long time in advance.

² http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/dsw/dspMain.do?lang=

³ Meanshile published: http://ec.europa.eu/transport/air_portal/hlg/index_en.htm

⁴ <http://jatmwg.prospectatss.org.uk/>

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