



EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE

RECOMMENDATION ECAC/27-1

INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS IN AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS

RECOGNISING

- that the sustainable development of air transport has to take into account the impact of the industry on the environment, as well as its economic and social benefits;
- that steps should be taken to increase the awareness of aviation authorities worldwide to environmental matters; and
- that opportunity to do so may be provided in the development and revision of bilateral air service agreements,

THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDS

- a) Member States to consider the inclusion of aviation environmental issues in their bilateral discussions with non-ECAC States, so that such issues are clearly presented (based on the outline of headings in Attachment 1) to encourage endeavours to reduce the impact of aviation on the environment; and
- b) where the opportunity arises, Member States to consider the inclusion of an aviation environmental clause into their bilateral air services agreements using as options the clauses suggested in **Attachment 2**.

ATTACHMENT 1

CHECKLIST FOR ECAC NEGOTIATORS

This note identifies possible topics for inclusion in briefs which are provided to negotiators from an ECAC Member State entering in/renewing air services agreements with non-ECAC States.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF AVIATION

- Short description of the local impact, i.e., noise and emissions.
- Extracts to illustrate specific concerns at the ECAC State airports.

EUROPEAN POLICIES AND RULES

- ECAC Recommendations (Chapter 2 Phase-out, noise charging) and or specific European Community legislation on Chapter 2 Phase-out.

NATIONAL AND LOCAL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

- Operating restrictions to limit environmental impact and charging provisions to promote environmental good practice.

ATTACHMENT 2

MODEL ENVIRONMENTAL CLAUSE

OPTION 1

“The Contracting Parties support the need to protect the environment by promoting the sustainable development of aviation. The Contracting Parties agreed — with regard to operations between their respective countries — on the importance of encouraging the use of aircraft employing the best available environmental technology and applying the most environmentally-friendly operational procedures wherever possible, including respecting the noise abatement provisions for individual airports”.

OPTION 2

“[The Contracting Parties agreed that....] on the routes to and from their respective countries the operations by the airlines concerned shall have regard to the decision to phase out the operations of aircraft certificated to the standards specified in Chapter 2, Volume I of Annex 16 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, [latest] edition (date), at European airports as laid down in ECAC Recommendation 14-2/ Council Directive 92/14/EC [as appropriate].” •••