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EEA EFTA STATEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A EUROPEAN
AVIATION SAFETY AUTHORITY (EASA)

The EEA EFTA States would like to express their support for the initiative to establish a European Aviation Safety Authority (EASA) for the development and adoption of high and uniform standards in the field of aviation safety.

The EEA EFTA States would urge the EU Ministers of Transport to consider the following when discussing EASA:

- The EEA EFTA States would like to reiterate the fact that, except for Liechtenstein, they are full members of the Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA). It is therefore important for them to be able to maintain the national influence exercised today in the field of aviation safety.
- For the success of EASA it will be important that a broad pan-European participation is achieved. Therefore it seems that the alternative of EASA established as an international organization would be the best way forward.
- Alternatives which provide for full participation in the implementation and decision making process of EASA would be the preferred solution for those EEA EFTA States which have participated in creating and progressing the Joint Aviation Authorities and worked diligently to develop the JAA regulations and regulatory mechanism. Such alternatives would remove both political uncertainty and constitutional difficulties.

In light of the above, the EEA EFTA States would prefer EASA established as an international organization. Such a solution would better provide for a broader pan-European dimension, by ensuring third country participation.

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