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NEW NETWORK OF TRAINING ORGANISATIONS LAUNCHED BY EUROPEAN CIVIL AVIATION CONFERENCE

Paris, 25 October 2011 — The European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) has established the first ever pan-European network of civil aviation training organisations.

The demands upon those engaged in the aviation sector continue to grow, as air traffic volumes increase, more modern aircraft become available, airborne and ground-based air traffic control systems alike become more sophisticated, and the expectations of the passengers themselves become more challenging. Meeting these demands means having personnel in place with all of the necessary skills and competencies – which in turn places a premium on high quality training.

The ECAC Network of training organisations will help address this need by encouraging cooperation between training organisations across Europe, and by working to improve the quality of training courses they offer, most significantly through the development of quality standards. The Network will also:

- facilitate exchange of experience between training organisations and the sharing of good practice;
- promote both "train-the-trainer" activities and the standardisation of training materials;
- strengthen the capacity of training organisation by reinforcing personnel training and expertise.

The Network's first meeting, at ECAC's Paris headquarters on 14 October, brought together representatives of training organisations from thirteen European States, the European Aviation Safety Agency, the European Aviation Security Training Institute, EUROCONTROL, ENAC France, and the JAA-Training Organisation. The opportunity was taken by participants to share their expectations of the Network, and to define its work priorities and deliverables for the next two years. A list of actions was drawn up and tasks allocated, the outcomes of which will be presented at the next meeting of the Network at the end of February 2012.

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NOTE TO EDITORS
The European Civil Aviation Conference brings together 44 European States to promote the continued development of a safe, efficient and sustainable European air transport system, by harmonising civil aviation policies and practices amongst its Member States while at the same time promoting understanding on policy matters with other parts of the world. ECAC's long-established expertise in aviation matters, pan-European membership and close liaison with the International Civil Aviation Organization enable it to serve as a unique European forum for discussion of every major civil aviation topic. It enjoys active co-operation with its sister organisations, with the European Commission, EASA and EUROCONTROL, and has valuable links with organisations representing all parts of the air transport industry.

ECAC's Member States are: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.

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