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CANSO BACKS SINGLE EUROPEAN SKY AND INDEPENDENT INDUSTRY CONSULTATION BODY

CANSO - the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation - meeting in Riga for its 7th AGM, expressed unanimously support in favour of the Single European Sky (SES) legislation, currently at the Second Reading stage in the European Parliament.

The meeting also passed a unanimous motion calling for the immediate establishment of a European Independent Consultation Body (ICB) for the Air Transport industry to advise the EU in its on-going work to draw up the implementation rules for the SES regulations.

This body, when established, will comprise not only representatives of CANSO, but also of the Airlines, the Airports and the Aeronautical Industry.

"In coming years, this permanent body will be an invaluable asset in providing focused specialist advise to the EU as it implements the Single European Sky and develops other air navigation projects" commented Dieter Kaden, Chairman of the CANSO Executive Committee.

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