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CANSO/ETF STATEMENT ON THE ATCO LICENCE DRAFT DIRECTIVE

CANSO social dialogue partners, representing Air Navigation Services Providers in Europe, and ETF, representing the Air Traffic Management (ATM) workers' community, welcome the Commission's initiative to introduce a European licence for Air Traffic Controllers and Parliament's efforts to come to a political agreement able to meet their common expectations.

Because of the importance of Recital 16, proposed by the European Parliament as Amendment 6, to employees and employers in the ATM sector, the social partners strongly recommend the attached wording to be incorporated:

“(16) This Directive may have an impact on the daily working practices of air traffic controllers. The social partners should be informed and consulted in an appropriate way on all measures having significant social implications. Therefore, the Sectoral Dialogue Committee set up under Commission Decision 1998/500/EC of 20 May 1998 on the establishment of Sectoral Dialogue Committees promoting the dialogue between the social partners at European level **has been consulted and will be consulted on any further implementing measures that may be initiated by the Commission**”.

The social partners jointly ask the Transport Council to integrate Recital 16 as proposed into their Common Position to be adopted in their meeting on 27 and 28 June 2005 in Luxemburg.

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