

Statement on dispatchers

(18 December 1992)

Having regard to the creation of the single market and the need to ensure occupational mobility through the harmonization of workers' licences and qualifications, the Joint Committee on Civil Aviation has set up a working party to assess the minimum requirements for the training of dispatchers and, if necessary, to recommend the Commission to lay down harmonized conditions for obtaining a dispatcher's licence.

At its plenary meeting on 18 December 1992, the Joint Committee on Civil Aviation agreed to recommend to the Commission that it propose to the Council the introduction of harmonized standards for the training of dispatchers based on the common standards annexed to this statement.

All the trade union organizations that are members of the Joint Committee on Civil Aviation also came out in favour of creating a European licence ratifying dispatchers' training. However, the airline associations, namely the Association of European Airlines (AEA), the European Regional Airline Association (ERA), the Airport Council International Europe (ACI) and the Air Charter Carriers Association (ACCA), did not share this view, seeing no justification for creating a licence of this sort. The representatives of the Association of Airline Companies of the EC (ACE) did not state their opinion.

