Joint statement on the harmonization of air traffic controllers' licences

(20 November 1991)

At its plenary meeting on 22 October 1991, the Joint Committee on Civil Aviation decided to set up working parties on the reciprocal recognition of staff licences.

The staff concerned included air traffic controllers in particular.

At its meeting on 20 November 1991, the Bureau of the Joint Committee reiterated its attachment to improving the efficiency of air traffic control, which involves, amongst other things, the harmonization of air traffic controllers' working conditions.

The Bureau also acknowledged that it was not competent to issue a joint opinion on this subject, mainly because air traffic controllers' employers are not represented on the employers' side of the Joint Committee.

Nevertheless, bearing in mind the importance of the problem, the Bureau suggests that the Commission give it some consideration, if necessary by calling on the other European bodies that have already worked on this issue, and asks the Commission to inform it of the progress made in this area.