



The employers' organization CANSO and the two employees' trade union organizations ETF and ATCEUC have considered the progress made in the co-decision process on SES including the extension of EASA competence to ATM and airports. They wish that the new regulations can drive the performance of the ATM industry, building on the solid experience of four years of SES implementation.

They recognize the importance of EASA to ensure a consistent approach to safety. However, they would like to raise a serious concern regarding the intention to repeal Directive 2006/23/EC.

This Directive has been one of the major provisions of the SES legislation. It recognizes the unique competence of Air Traffic Controllers and has therefore contributed strongly to building confidence in the SES legislation.

CANSO, ETF and ATCEUC invite the European Institutions to preserve Community law in the process of extending EASA competence to ATM.

They wish to underline the considerable amount of work that has been done to draft, adopt and implement the ATCO Community license. The transposition of this Directive into the legislative framework of each country has been a long and very difficult process. The organizations are not aware of deficiencies in the current licensing arrangements for ATCOs that would require repeal of the Directive at this time. The organizations readily understand any piece of legislation that is in place for many years might require some objective reassessment. A change at that time could only be justified on basis of material safety benefit(s), with appropriate stakeholder involvement.

They are ready to examine in a positive manner all the different solutions to include this Directive into the EASA framework.

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