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Subject: Preparation of the 195th session of the ICAO Council
- European Union coordination of a common position

In preparation for the 195th session of the ICAO Council¹, the Commission services drafted an information note which was presented to the Working Party on Aviation, recommending the adoption of an EU position on the ICAO Council's agenda item dealing with the results of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Market Based Measures (MBMs) (doc. 6903/12). This group was established by the ICAO President, Mr Roberto Kobeh Gonzalez, following a preliminary discussion in the Air Transport Committee on a study on MBMs, which took place on 23 - 24 January 2012.

The discussions in the ICAO Council will focus on the results of the work carried out by the above mentioned Ad-hoc Working Group, from a technical perspective, on reducing the number of possible options for global MBMs schemes for international aviation.

¹ Dates for the 195th Council Session:
Committee phase: 16 January - 3 February 2012
Council phase: 27 February - 16 March 2012

The final report of the Ad-hoc Working Group recommends that four options for global MBMs schemes for international aviation should be retained for further evaluation, together with a set of evaluation criteria by which the recommended options could be further evaluated. On 5 March 2012, the Working Party on Aviation examined the above-mentioned information note (doc. 6903/12). The note presents the recommended EU position for the discussions on MBMs scheduled to take place during the ICAO Council in the week of 12 March 2012.

During this meeting, the delegations expressed their overall support to the Commission's information note and in particular to the recommended EU position on the results of the Ad-hoc Working Group on Market Based Measures.

In the light of the above, COREPER is invited to approve the text of the above mentioned information note (doc. 6903/12) and to endorse the recommended EU position, which should be used as the basis for the interventions on MBMs of the representatives of the EU Member States members of the ICAO Council during its next meeting (Montreal, 27 February - 12 March 2012).
