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At the meeting of the Working Party on Aviation on 18 November 1996 delegations were informed by the Commission representative, as far as the above-mentioned negotiations are concerned, of the following:

An information meeting will be held in Brussels on 16 December 1996. The representatives from the Central European Countries ⁽¹⁾ and the members of the Special Committee appointed by the Council will be invited to participate.

In addition, a series of meetings with individual CEC's will be organized by the first half of 1997. After these meetings an interim report will be made available.

The Working Party agreed that, during further negotiations and the internal consultation procedure, Iceland can be involved in a dialogue as appropriate, following a request by this EEA member state.

⁽¹⁾Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.