

**DECISION**  
**ADB(D) 18-2008**

**Mandate to the Executive Director to launch the final phase of the process for accession to the SESAR Joint Undertaking membership**

**The Administrative Board of the SESAR Joint Undertaking,**

Having regard to:

- Council Regulation (EC) 219/2007, in particular to Article 1.3 of the Statutes of the SESAR Joint Undertaking,
- The Administrative Board's decision of 21 February 2008, with reference ADB(D) 3-2008,
- The update on the ongoing process for accession to the SESAR Joint Undertaking membership provided to the Administrative Board at its following meetings (i.e., 24 April 2008, 3 July 2008, and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008),

In its ordinary meeting of 1st December 2008, has adopted the following decision:

**Article 1**

The Board approves the process carried out so far, including the set up of the three successive phases (i.e., the pre-selection, the discussion and the selection phase), and takes note of the upcoming steps, stressing the importance of ensuring transparency and coherence with the call for expression of interest to become member of the SESAR Joint Undertaking launched on 27th June 2007.

**Article 2**

The Board takes note of the level of maturity of the discussions held between the SESAR Joint Undertaking and the fifteen pre-selected candidate members and, consequently, requests the Executive Director of the SESAR Joint Undertaking to close the discussion phase with the candidate members.

**Article 3**

The Board takes note of the level of maturity of the discussions held between the SESAR Joint Undertaking and EUROCONTROL in order to define the role and contribution of the latter to be formalised in an agreement, as provided for in Article 9.2 of the Statutes of the SESAR Joint Undertaking.

**Article 4**

The Board mandates the Executive Director of the SESAR Joint Undertaking to launch the final phase of the process for accession to the SESAR Joint Undertaking membership, i.e., the selection phase.

**Article 5**

The Board decides not to discuss on further new candidacies for membership before the ongoing accession process is completed, i.e., end of 2009 /beginning of 2010.

Article 6

The Board gives mandate to the Executive Director of the SESAR Joint Undertaking to explore other possibilities (other than membership) to associate organisations to SESAR and report at one of the next meetings of the Board.

This decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done in Brussels, 1 December 2008

For the Administrative Board

Daniel Calleja Crespo  
*The Chairperson*

