

## DECISION

ADB(D)13 -2014

### **authorising negotiations with candidate members and entrusting the Executive Director to negotiate the conditions of accession**

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE SESAR JOINT UNDERTAKING (SJU),

Having regard to:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 219/2007 of 27 February 2007 on the establishment of a Joint Undertaking to develop the new generation of the European Air Traffic Management system (SESAR) as modified by Council Regulation (EC) No 1361/2008 of 16 December 2008 and amended by Council Regulation (EU) No 721/2014 of 16 June 2014;
- Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013, establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) (Horizon 2020);

Whereas:

- The duration of the SJU has been extended up to 31 December 2024 to complete Step 2 and Step 3 of the European ATM Master Plan under the SESAR 2020 work Programme co-funded by Horizon 2020 for the European Union's 2014-2020 multi-annual financial framework;
- Membership in the SJU shall end by 31 December 2016 with regard to the SJU Members who, as of 1 January 2014, do not contribute to the SJU's SESAR 2020 work programme;
- In order to renew the SJU membership to ensure the implementation of the SESAR 2020 work Programme, an open call for expressions of interest to become candidate member of the SJU (Ref. SJU/LC/0110-CEI) was published on 9 July 2014;
- 24 valid applications were submitted in reply to the call for expression of interest and have been evaluated by the SJU;
- The Executive Director of the SJU (Executive Director) shall transmit the requests for accession to the membership to the Administrative Board, who shall then decide whether to authorise accession negotiations and, if authorisation is given, entrust the Executive Director to negotiate the conditions of accession;
- The Executive Director presented the "*Report of the Executive Director to the Administrative Board on the outcome of the call for expressions of interest to become candidate member of the SESAR Joint Undertaking*" (ref. SJU/LC/0110-CEI)", to the SJU Administrative Board on 28 October 2014;
- In accordance with Article 9 of the SJU Administrative Board's Rules of Procedure, on 28 October 2014, the Board members were consulted through the written procedure, which was concluded with a positive result on 4 November 2014;

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HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

To endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Executive Director as contained in Annex I of the *“Report of the Executive Director to the Administrative Board on the outcomes of the call for expressions of interest to become candidate member of the SESAR Joint Undertaking”* (ref. SJU/LC/0110-CEI)”.

**Article 2**

To authorise the Executive Director to negotiate the conditions of accession with the selected Candidate Members taking due consideration of the current SJU framework of operation, the protection of the financial interests of the Union and in compliance with Horizon 2020.

These conditions shall include, in particular, provisions relating to the candidate's financial contributions, including Eurocontrol's contribution and their representation in the Administrative Board.

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

Done in Brussels, 4 November 2014.

For the Administrative Board

*The Chairperson*  
João Aguiar Machado

