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JAA welcomes two new Member States

JAA welcomes both the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Georgia as new Candidate Member States of the JAA.

The Board of the Joint Aviation Authorities during its meeting on 14 December 2006, approved the candidate membership of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Georgia as of 1 January 2007.

Following the signature of the Cyprus Arrangements and the JAA membership Protocol, Mr Jahangir Askerov, Director General of the State Concern of Civil Aviation of Azerbaijan, and Mr Alexander Chkhikvadze Chairman of the National Transport Regulatory Commission of Georgia, thanked the JAAB members and informed that their respective countries were very pleased to have become candidate members of the JAA and were looking forward to a successful co-operation within JAA.

The Chairman of the JAA Board, Mr Thorgeir Pálsson, welcomed both Azerbaijan and Georgia as candidate members and wished them every success in the process for full membership.

During this meeting the JAAB also approved the full membership of Serbia in the JAA.

With the addition of Azerbaijan and Georgia, the JAA now has 42 members, 34 of which are full members and 8 candidate members.

Note to the editors:

The Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA) is an associated body of the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) representing the civil aviation regulatory authorities of 40 European States, who by signing the Cyprus Arrangements have agreed to co-operate in developing and implementing common safety regulatory standards and procedures. This co-operation relates in particular to operations and licensing with the intention to provide high and consistent standards of safety and a level playing field for competition in Europe.

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