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Communiqué

MOSAIC- The last brick.

The MOSAIC group is pleased to announce that the Austrian Air Traffic Controllers Association (AATCA) has applied to join the MOSAIC project as a full member. The integration of this new country in the MOSAIC perimeter makes perfect sense, if only bearing in mind the route network between Germany, Switzerland and Austria. In view of a possible full integration, AATCA was granted the status of active (privileged) observer. It will participate from now on in all working meetings of the MOSAIC group.

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IMPACT OF MILITARY AREAS

MOSAIC members strongly affirm their commitment to improving the quality of service in the core of Europe. However, in order to deliver an ever better service to an increasing amount of traffic, more airspace availability is needed to fulfil our missions. Airspace is a limited resource. Safety, Flight Efficiency and Capacity require a more flexible handling of Military Restricted area while ensuring adequate use for Military and Security requirements.

NO SINGLE MAN OPERATION

Five years ago, Single Man Operations (SMO) in Zurich ACC was a major contributing factor to one the most horrific accidents involving ATM in Europe: the Ueberlingen accident. Despite repeated declarations of intent from all involved parties, some providers now shamelessly express their willingness to promote Single Man Operation for en route sectors in similar configuration. Some parties would like to use the FAB Europe Central to put that view forward.

Single Man Operation must not prevail within the FAB Europe Central countries. MOSAIC members are categorically opposed to any systematic implementation of SMO.

POTENTIAL SAVINGS

MOSAIC members are convinced that significant savings could be achieved by focussing on technology and institutional structures of the FAB Europe Central providers. Air traffic control and technical services must remain the fundamentals.

An official study has been launched to investigate the key elements for a stable, efficient and sustainable system taking into account crucial social aspects.

MOSAIC is ready to deliver and answer real challenges with defined ambitions and timescale.

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The Mosaic Project was designed by the major ATCO and ATSEP trade unions and professional associations in the seven project countries, including staff representatives from Maastricht UAC. It is meant to be an alternative way to the competition-driven approach as advocated by some ANSPs and/or their respective national governments. It is designed to realise the desired effects of the Single European Sky initiative more effectively, more swiftly while at the same time offering a model that is not just acceptable for, but indeed driven by the mentioned staff representations.