



## LONG DISTANCE FLEET REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LDRAC WORKING GROUP 4, REGARDING THE BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES

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In its meeting of 12 December 2007 LDRAC Working Group 4 adopted several recommendations and conclusions that were ratified by the Executive Committee 6 February 2008 in order to be delivered to the European Commission as follows:

- 1) The European Commission is requested to send from now on to the LDRAC the minutes of meetings held with third-party representatives and to work on renewing already-existing agreements with enough notice to prevent unnecessary delays and to facilitate new agreements previously made with the consultative bodies in the sector.
- 2) In the interests of saving time and preventing the loss of European funds on agreements, that have little impact on demand for licences once protocols have been ratified, we propose taking the steps needed to establish the channels of communication with the LDRAC that enable a flow of information in a manner that sees the sector take an active role in negotiations via its consultative bodies.
- 3) It is necessary to underline to the European Commission the need to ensure that, in cases where the legal security of certain protocols the EU signs with particular third countries is not respected, the Commission is responsible for said security and that, in certain cases, ad hoc arbitration committees, whose decisions are binding, be created.



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- 4) We recommend speeding up the steps needed to obtain a licence from a third country, as it takes longer than necessary in most cases because of endless bureaucratic procedures. We would also ask the European Commission, because of the multi-organisational nature of the LDRAC, to be the forum for addressing the viability of future agreements and solving discrepancies between particular sectors before action protocols with particular countries of interest to the Commission are signed.

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