Resolution 440 (1970)[1]

Financial and economic aspects of air transport operations

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Thanking the European Civil Aviation Conference (ECAC) for the transmission of its reply to Resolution 372 (1968) and to the views expressed inDocument 2372 ;

2. Convinced of the great value to Europe of the work which has been undertaken hitherto by ECAC in facilitating European air transport operations ;

3. Further convinced that recent developments in the field of European civil air transport necessitate further development of the scope of ECAC's activities ;

4. Greatly appreciating the continued maintenance of the closest relations between ECAC and the Council of Europe, and recalling that the former was constituted as the result of an initiative of the Consultative Assembly ;

5. Conscious of the need that ECAC should remain a fully independent organisation concerned with European air transport,

6. Resolves :

a. to invite its President to transmit to the President of ECAC the present resolution, together with the report of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development (Doc. 2738), with a request that ECAC study the views and proposals set out therein, and in particular to draw ECAC's attention to the proposals in the report relating to the following :

   1. the increasing need for governmental action to ensure that air transport operations in Europe are conceived with the interests of the user rather than those of air carriers being given first place ;

   2. the need for ECAC to investigate the generalisation and exaggeration of the practice of overbooking in the context of European air transport ; and

   3. the need to arrive at more regular collective consultation between ECAC on the one hand and the Chairmen of European Airlines on the other ;

b. to call on European airport authorities to co-operate with ECAC in furnishing the latter with the financial data ECAC is seeking, with a view to ensuring that the best use is made of the considerable public resources already devoted to, or which it will be necessary to devote in the shorterterm future to airport facilities ;

c. to request ECAC to inform the Consultative Assembly of what steps it proposes to take in implementing the proposals to which the present resolution makes reference.

1. Assembly debate on 18 April 1970 (2nd Sitting) (see Doc. 2738, report of the Committee on Economic Affairs and Development). Text adopted by the Assemblyon 18 April 1970 (2nd Sitting).