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INFORMATION NOTE

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Delegations will find annexed an information note from the Commission on the above-mentioned subject, which will be dealt with under "Any Other Business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 2 December 2010.
Information note from the European Commission

SES Performance Targets

On 29 July 2010, Commission Regulation 691/2010 laying down a performance scheme for air navigation services and network functions was adopted. Under Article 9 of that Regulation, the Commission shall adopt EU-wide performance targets. These performance targets shall be adopted at the latest 12 months before the beginning of the reference period. The reference period will start in January 2012 and performance targets need to be agreed before the end of the year 2010. The performance scheme is a key element of the Single European Sky II.

The Commission proposals for EU-wide performance targets, based on the thorough work of the independent Performance Review Body, generated intense discussions in the last weeks.

On 23 November 2010, the Commission has proposed a compromise solution that duly takes into account the comments collected, while preserving the necessary level of ambition for the performance targets. The formal opinion of Member States shall be sought in the meeting of the Single Sky Committee of 3 December.

The Commission draws the attention of Member States to this very important measure and looks forward to its adoption in the aforementioned Single Sky committee meeting, which will allow the timely implementation of the ambitious Single Sky performance scheme.