

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1800/02
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to the Council

Subject: Ratification of Montreal Convention for the unification of certain rules for international carriage by air

The Member States signed the Montreal Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air on 28 May 1999 and the Council has indicated that the Community would deposit the 15 ratification instruments together by the end of 2002 in order to avoid any discrepancy between Member States.

The critical mass for the entry into force of the Convention is 30 Contracting Parties of which 18 have already been registered which means that the 15 Member States could by themselves activate the new global standards on better air passenger protection by completing the ratification process.

Ratification of the Convention by all Member States is also linked to the entry into force of the Community Regulation amending Regulation (EC) 2027/97¹ on air carrier liability.

Can the Council indicate the state of progress in each Member State for the completion of the ratification process of the Montreal Convention by the end of 2002 and whether it is on target to enable this international instrument to enter into force at the end of the year?

¹ OJ L 285, 17.10.1997, p. 1.