

Chairperson's Statement On Information By Acceding States

The Open Skies Treaty Articles III (Quotas), XVII (Accession) and Annex A provide for the allocation of passive quotas to States Parties. In addition, OSCC Decision No. 8/02/Corr.1 of 22 April 2002 (Guidelines for accession to the Treaty on Open Skies) and the Chairperson's Statement of 11 November 2002 detail modalities and elements to be taken into consideration.

In order to further facilitate the accession process and ensure that the Open Skies Treaty achieves the broadest possible membership, States wishing to accede are encouraged to provide, ideally upon declaring their intention, every useful information which may include the level of a passive quota, the designation of point(s) of entry/exit, Open Skies airfields and their associated maximum flight distances as well as any intention that may exist to form a group with any other State Party.

Even though it is not explicitly required by the Open Skies Treaty, such an early and, wherever applicable, co-ordinated provision of relevant information would contribute to the Commission reaching a more comprehensive assessment of requests for accession, enable early participation of acceding States in the practical implementation of the Treaty and enhance openness, transparency and confidence-building.