

Chairperson's Statement On Modifications To Annex A And Annex E To The Treaty On Open Skies

The States Parties take note of the questions regarding implementation of the provisions of Annex A and Annex E to the Treaty on Open Skies and the concerns raised about changes introduced by some States Parties to their national networks of Open Skies airfields and to the maximum flight distances from them.

Willing to proceed in accordance with Article X, paragraphs 4 (A) and (B) and paragraph 5, the States Parties have reached the following understanding:

1. Acting in the spirit of good will, mutual understanding and cooperation characteristic of the Open Skies Consultative Commission's work, the States Parties will concentrate on their mutual concerns related to the national changes previously introduced to Annex A and Annex E to the Treaty on Open Skies, seeking to address these concerns before the summer recess;
2. While seeking to resolve these concerns, the OSCC tasks the Informal Working Group on Rules and Procedures to work on a draft decision which would contain relevant recommendations concerning the introduction of changes to Annex A and Annex E to the Treaty on Open Skies and to submit them for approval at the Commission's Plenary. Such changes should not affect Treaty operation and implementation, or the rights of States Parties, while maintaining flexibility;
3. While this issue is before the Open Skies Consultative Commission, every effort will be made to facilitate the continuing implementation of the Treaty.