

EUROCONTROL – Israel comprehensive agreement

On 2 June the Israeli minister for Transport Mr. Katz, the Director General of the Eurocontrol Mr. Brenner, in the presence of Ambassador Faaborg-Andersen have signed the agreement concerning Israel's joining the Eurocontrol, the European organization, grouping now 42 countries and in charge of aviation safety and flight coordination on the Continent.

Israel is the second non-European country to accede to Eurocontrol after Morocco which joined the organization last week.

Israel's participation in Eurocontrol is an important and essential condition to ensure safe and coordinated air traffic between Europe and Israel, in particular after the significantly increased civil aviation traffic following the EU-Israeli Open Sky Agreement of 2013.

Israel's participation in Eurocontrol has also a military aspect which has become particularly important for the EU with the deteriorating situation in Syria and in the wider region.

The agreement took three years of detailed and dedicated technical negotiation to be concluded.