



**Communique**  
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MARC welcomes the Berlin declaration<sup>1</sup> of the German and French Ministers to study whether “*the existing agreement between Eurocontrol, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxemburg for the Maastricht centre could be used to build FABEC step by step*”. We agree on the method, but we refuse partial integration of actual air navigation services into new or existing structures. MARC strongly supports the full integration into one international organization as the only way to ensure a non competitive environment, which would considerably increase the level of safety and efficiency.

As a consequence, and to avoid social dumping in the FABEC area, MARC supports the idea of a single international status, laid out in a State Treaty, for staff employed in FABEC.

The **Declaration of Intent**, annexed to the upcoming FABEC State Treaty, will therefore be of paramount importance. It must deliver a strong message that States are committed to build **one 100% states-owned international organization** in the FABEC area. It is now up to the States to clearly define their intentions, and to act accordingly.

MARC is willing to participate to social dialogue in FABEC. We regret the delay we are experiencing. After months of idle talks, work must begin. Staff is entitled to know where FABEC is headed. It is up to FABEC CEO to take the decision to start.

**MARC will support FABEC if it delivers improvements to ANS and staff.**

**Not just for the sake of it.**

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<sup>1</sup> 31st august 2010

*MARC represent the vast majority of operational staff employed by the seven providers of the six FABEC states. Its membership comprises operational staff controllers, technicians and engineers.*