

## **7<sup>th</sup> BLUE MED Social Forum**

### **JOINT DECLARATION**

The ATM Social Partners (ETF - ATCEUC) and Professional Staff Associations (IFATCA - IFATSEA) with BLUE MED Representatives recognise the importance of the BLUE MED Social Forum, the effective social dialogue undertaken and the values of the BLUE MED initiative towards the overall European context.

They strongly take due account of the actual legislation on FAB and believe that future changes shall be done only after coordination and after the implementation of the current SES legislation.

They recognise the need for BLUE MED ANSPs to proactively undertake the deployment of operational and technical enablers, taking into account the SESAR deployment, in a coordinated manner within the FAB, in close cooperation with the Social Forum members.

During the 7<sup>th</sup> BLUE MED Social Forum, on the basis of a contribution received by GATCA, the parties confirmed the right of the direct participation of local organizations/associations to the BLUE MED Social Forum, in line with the BLUE MED Joint Statement and ToRs.

BLUE MED is a key element to bridge the EU culture and the SES with North Africa & Middle East through the involvement of non-EU countries.

BLUE MED will improve the ATM services addressing all aspects of ATM/ANS in a transparent and cooperative way.

BLUE MED will contribute to:

- improve the just culture through a clear non blaming approach;
- increase safety, capacity, flight efficiency, cost efficiency, reducing environmental impact;
- address airspace fragmentation through an enhanced cooperation by applying Collaborative Decision Making principles;
- address the social aspects of FAB implementation and future evolution;
- establish a clear legal framework for liability, responsibility and delegation of ATS which is not to be used to mitigate the effect of industrial action nor to compensate an understaffing situation;
- harmonize training and common operational standard definition;
- ensure that FAB Benefits are deployed towards users, providers and personnel.

BLUE MED does not contemplate or plan forced personnel mobility and it will be carried on with no negative Social impact/consequences expected.

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