



*"[air navigation control, [...]] is a task involving the exercise of public authority and is not of an economic nature, since that activity constitutes a service in the public interest which is intended to protect both the users of air transport and the populations affected by aircraft flying over them".
(Extract of decision C.364/92 of the European Court of Justice).*

Aix-en-Provence, 18th December 2006

COMMUNIQUE

It is with great sadness that we have learnt the death of Mme Loyola de Palacio.

Mme de Palacio was vice President of the European Commission from 1999 to 2004. She has been, among many things, the architect of the Single Sky regulations.

We shall remember her determination, her energy and the strength of her engagement.

She was determined to turn the European ideal into a reality. She will have left a significant long lasting mark on aviation in Europe.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her colleagues, friends and family.

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