

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH MANDATES WILL BE SOUGHT FROM COUNCIL. MOREOVER, IN SEPTEMBER 1989, THE COMMISSION WILL EXAMINE THE APPROACHES MADE BY EFTA COUNTRIES.

WHAT DOES ALL THIS ADD UP TO? MUCH WILL DEPEND ON THE OUTCOME OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMISSION'S JULY 1989 PROPOSALS. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT ARTICLE 78 OF THE ROME TREATY STATES THAT "ANY MEASURE IN THE SPHERE OF TRANSPORT RATES AND CONDITIONS, ADOPTED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THIS TREATY SHALL TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF AIR CARRIERS". IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER ALL CARRIERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY WILL SUPPORT OR CONCUR IN THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS, AND HOW FAR THE MEMBER STATES ACTING COLLECTIVELY AS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WILL BE PREPARED TO ADOPT DECISIONS FOR LIBERALIZATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOR WHICH THEIR CARRIERS MAY NOT YET BE READY. WE ALSO DO NOT KNOW WHAT PROPOSALS THE COMMISSION PLANS TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMON AIR TRANSPORT