

Second Phase — 1990-1992

In preparation for the Second Phase, the Commission submitted to the Council on 7 September 1989 its proposals⁹ for the further liberalization of fares, access to intra-Community routes and capacity-sharing, as well as on the application of competition rules to undertakings and concerted practices. Consideration of these proposals by EC Transport Ministers at their meeting on 5 December 1989 led mainly to conclusions of agreements in principle.¹⁰

The Council of Ministers of Transport at their meeting on 29 March 1990 did not adopt any new Regulations concerning the Second Phase or decide on Commission proposals of February 1990¹⁴, regarding the Community's external air relations. The Council did, however, agree in principle to the opening of negotiations with the six EFTA countries on fares, market access and capacity-sharing and rules of competition: the 1987 package. This negotiating mandate would be confirmed at the Council's meeting on 18/19 June.

On 18/19 June, 1990 the Council of Transport Ministers finally took key decisions on the Second Phase. These decisions were translated into three Council Regulations of 24 July 1990, to enter into force on 1 November 1990.