

COMPETITION RULES OF THE ROME TREATY, IN PARTICULAR WHERE A CARRIER HOLDING A DOMINANT POSITION PRE-EMPTS COMPETITION ON A NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL ROUTE. THE COMMISSION FURTHER PROPOSES THAT THE EC BE AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL TO EXAMINE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN AIRLINES RELATING TO DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICES, WITH A VIEW TO ENLARGING THE EXEMPTIONS GRANTED IN THE 1987 PACKAGE TO AGREEMENTS AND CONCERTED PRACTICES DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS OR COOPERATION (E.G. EXCHANGE, LEASING, POOLING OR MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT AND PARTS; EXCHANGE, POOLING OR TRAINING OF PERSONNEL; APPLICATION OF UNIFORM RULES REGARDING THE STRUCTURE AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE APPLICATION OF TRANSPORT TARIFFS, PROVIDED SUCH RULES DO NOT FIX FARES AND RELATED CONDITIONS). AS REGARDS THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ECJ DECISION ON THE SAEED CASE FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES THE COMMISSION IS PUTTING FORWARD TO COUNCIL PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO BRING FARES ON ALL SERVICES BETWEEN MEMBER STATES AND THIRD COUNTRIES WITHIN THE AMBIT OF COMMUNITY COMPETITION REGULATIONS.