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Statement by the Council and the Commission

1. Re preservation of the bilateral system

The Council and the Commission jointly declare that, in order to ensure the continuity of Member States' relations with the United States during the Community negotiation and to have a valid alternative in case of failure, the present bilateral system of relations between the Member States and the United States shall be maintained and kept working until a new agreement with the US involving the Community.

2. Re existing bilateral agreements

The Council and the Commission jointly declare that, if any agreement on a "Common Aviation Area" is less favourable on certain issues than existing bilateral agreements, the more favourable provisions shall prevail under reservation of Community obligations and taking into account the Treaty. Provisions of existing bilateral agreements not covered by any agreement with the US involving the Community shall continue to apply.

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## Statement by the Commission

### 3. Re Community competence on traffic rights

The Commission declares that it considers that as far as traffic rights are concerned, Community competence has been clearly established.

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