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While welcoming the Commission proposal, the Committee thinks that Community action should not be limited to improving safety of Third Country carriers and aircraft but should continue efforts to increase safety standards in Europe as a whole. This is why the Committee agrees with the Commission's view that actions on inspections and groundings and, where appropriate on restrictions of landing rights, must be common within all Member States, otherwise the value of the Commission proposal will become questionable. The Committee also stresses the importance of the JAA (Joint Aviation Authorities) and considers that the Commission should find ways for the JAA and the Commission to cooperate efficiently. Even if they do not currently have any legal status, the JAA are likely to have a major role to play in future, especially in setting standards and work schedules.