Convention on international civil aviation: limitation of the operation of aeroplanes (amend. Directive 92/14/EEC)

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The Economic and Social Committee endorses the draft directive formalizing, modifying and expanding the provisions governing exemptions to the ban on the use of aircraft which do not meet certain international noise abatement standards in Community territory. These are practically confined to older aircraft operated by carriers from developing countries, which should be phased out by 2002. The Committee assumes that the abolition of national authorities' discretion in respect of issuing aircraft licences will not, in practical terms, make it easier to operate aeroplanes which fall under the proposed directive. The proposal is designed to ensure that future amendments no noise abatement measures are coordinated in a consultative committee. The Committee is confident that this will not undermine its own involvement in the legislative process. The Committee assumes that the term "penalties" for infringements of national provisions and the concept of enforcement also include other means of combating aircraft noise, such as fines and administrative constraints.