Air transport safety: third countries aircraft using Community airports

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The Commission did not approve the common position adopted unanimously by the Council on 03/06 /1998. In particular, it considered that it could not support Community legislation which merely recognised the rights already vested in Member States, without making any provision for joint decisions on sanctions against countries, aircraft or operators that fail to comply with international safety standards. Accordingly, the Commission considers that further amendments need to be made in order to solve the problem of confidentiality/ transparency and ensure that adequate joint measures can be taken by means of the committee and consultation procedures provided for in Articles 9 and 10 of the common position. The Council's statements concerning confidentiality and the explanation of the role of the committee contained in the Council's statement on its common position point the way to these improvements.