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APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS
BY THE
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

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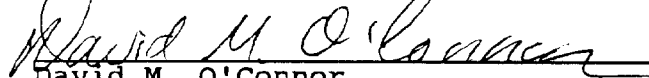
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The conferral of full antitrust immunity would be in the public interest and necessary for the transaction to proceed. This agreement is a product of the IATA Tariff Coordinating Conferences which the Department found to be anticompetitive but nevertheless approved and immunized in Order 85-5-32 (May 6, 1985) on foreign policy and comity grounds because such action is necessary to achieve the serious transportation need of maintaining good aviation relations with other countries and these benefits are not obtainable by reasonably available means having materially less anticompetitive effects.

Insofar as this agreement concerns fares or rates between non-U.S. points, in which respect they have at most indirect application in foreign air transportation, the U.S. authorities have recognized (e.g, Order 79-8-194, August 30, 1979) that the interests of other sovereign nations in the conditions governing air transportation between them greatly exceed any that the U.S. might have by reason of U.S. airline, citizen or shipper participation. This agreement is not adverse to the public interest or in violation of the Act and, therefore, full immunity should be granted.

Respectfully submitted:



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