

ORAL QUESTION H-0419/03  
for Question Time at the part-session in July 2003  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
by John Cushnahan  
to the Council

Subject: Open Skies deal

During the meeting of the Transport Council held on 5 June in Luxembourg, the Transport Ministers gave a mandate to the European Commission for negotiations with the United States on the creation of an 'open airspace' to replace the eleven bilateral open skies agreements signed by Member States.

Could the Council please indicate, should an agreement be reached between the Commission and the United States, whether it will require unanimity for ratification, or will qualified majority voting in the Council apply?

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