



Resolution 511 (1972)¹

Economic implications of the introduction of civil supersonic aircraft

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Considering the report of its Committee on Economic Affairs and Development on "the economic implications of the introduction of civil supersonic aircraft" ([Doc. 3072](#)) ;
2. Having taken note of the report of its Committee on Social and Health Questions ([Doc. 3071](#)), and fully appreciating the arguments there developed as to the necessity of protecting the human and natural environment ;
3. Recalling its [Resolution 443 \(1970\)](#) and its [Recommendation 618 \(1971\)](#), urging ever greater European co-operation in the field of technology ;
4. Considering that the decision as to whether or not to pursue the Concorde project, with a view to the introduction into commercial service of the Concorde in early 1974, can no longer be delayed ;
5. Noting with satisfaction that Concorde has proved to be a technical success ;
6. Convinced that governments ought to balance carefully environmental and economic considerations with a view to improving living conditions ;
7. Recalling with approval that it is now commonly accepted at both governmental and professional level that supersonic flights will not be permitted over inhabited land areas,
8. Believes that the successful completion of the Concorde project is essential for the maintenance of a technologically advanced European airspace industry ;
9. Is persuaded, therefore, that without prejudging the results of the investigations being carried out to determine with absolute certainty the impact of Concorde on the environment, the balance of public advantage for Europe manifestly lies in firmly pursuing the Concorde project with a view to the introduction of this European supersonic aircraft into commercial service on the North Atlantic.

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