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The members of SkyTeam (other than Aeroflot¹) confirm that they have just received a so-called statement of objections from the European Commission. A statement of objections is a normal step in a Commission competition investigation, and the members of SkyTeam shall now examine carefully the Commission's objections.

The Commission's Directorate-General for Competition has been reviewing the SkyTeam alliance since it was launched in 2000. The scope of its inquiry, which originally focussed on Aeroméxico, Air France, Alitalia, Czech Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Korean Air, was extended when Continental, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Northwest Airlines joined the alliance in September 2004.

The SkyTeam airlines shall file their replies to the Commission's paper in the autumn [fall], and remain confident that they will be able to settle the case amicably in due course.

About SkyTeam

SkyTeam is the global airline alliance partnering ten members: Aeroflot, Aeroméxico, Air France, Alitalia, Continental, Czech Airlines, Delta Air Lines, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Korean Air and Northwest Airlines. SkyTeam was named the 2005 Best Airline Alliance by Global Traveler Magazine. Visit SkyTeam on the Web at www.skyteam.com.

¹ Aeroflot became the tenth member of SkyTeam in April 2006. Aeroflot's membership of SkyTeam is not addressed in the statement of objections.