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## INTRODUCTION

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In preparation for the International Congress of Comparative Law, held at Uppsala, Sweden, from 6 August to 13 August 1966, which was in part devoted to problems of civil air transport around the world, outstanding authorities in the field of air law were asked to prepare surveys of the international factors in air transport in the law of their own countries or in the special law of the new communities of States. Professor Carl H. Fulda, a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal of Air Law and Commerce*, served as general coordinator of the surveys. Through his special efforts, the *Journal* is privileged to present here a select few of these national reports which were, of course, originally prepared for the International Congress rather than for the *Journal*.

Included, then, are the surveys of international aspects of air transport in American law, prepared by Professor Oliver J. Lissitzyn, who is also a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Journal*; in German law, prepared by Dr. Gerd Rinck; in general air transport, prepared by Michel Pourcelet; and in the law of the European Economic Community, prepared by Dr. Wolfgang Stabenow. In addition, Professor Fulda's overview of these surveys and the implications drawn therefrom for the development of international air law is included. Professor Fulda's paper is reprinted with the permission of the Swedish Association of Comparative Law which will include his report in a volume containing the General Reports on all the subjects discussed at the Uppsala Congress. The original German version of Dr. Rinck's paper appeared in 1966 in the *Zeitschrift fuer Luftrecht und Weltraumrechtsfragen* (ZLW).

The special thanks of the *Journal* are also due to Professors Lissitzyn and Fulda for undertaking to make revisions in their papers; to Drs. Stabenow, Rinck, and Pourcelet for updating their reports; to our Associate Senior Editor, Paul B. Larsen, for his work with the foreign materials; and to Mrs. Margaret Seifert for her translation of the Pourcelet manuscript.