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Subject: Consequences of suspension clauses for the survival of Air Austral

Air Austral is an airline based on La Réunion which connects the islands in the Indian Ocean – La Réunion and Mayotte – with continental France and Europe. It plays a crucial role in improving access, connections and integration in those European regions.

The airline is currently at great risk, however. The suspension clauses imposed by the Commission are a major obstacle to the continued existence of Air Austral, particularly after COVID-19, as part of its medium-haul fleet remains grounded. Insisting on the clauses may spell the end of an airline that provides a public service.

Does the Commission plan to relax the suspension clauses to allow Air Austral to get back in the skies?

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