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Shannon goes from the Atlantic if US and EU agree?

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LIMERICK Council of Trade Unions has been told that Shannon Airport could find itself becoming redundant as a transat-

lantic airport. Presenting a report by SIGNAL on the status of Shannon Airport, Mr Padraig Ó Suilleabhain told delegates that the 'open skies' policy for flights which is under consideration at European

level, if adopted, would mean disaster for Shannon. A report currently being prepared by the Mid-West Regional Authority should be the catalyst for a real upsurge of demand at the airport.

port of everybody. Mr Ó Suilleabhain told council delegates. If the open skies policy is introduced, bilateral agreements between nations would be abolished and a single

between European nations and the US would be introduced. Mr Ó Suilleabhain explained that this would leave Shannon helpless in preventing even more flights flying directly to Dublin. Mr Ó

Suilleabhain pointed out that if agreement is reached by Europe, under the Commission and with the consent of the nations, in five years time this open skies situation will be in place.