CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising a titanium or zirconium alkoxide, wherein the alkoxy group in the titanium or zirconium alkoxide is a group of formula R-O- wherein R is an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl and isopropyl and wherein the composition additionally comprises 0.1 to 50 wt.% of an organic carbonate, based on the total weight of the composition.

2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the organic carbonate is 0.1 to 20 wt.%, based on the total weight of the composition.

3. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the organic carbonate is of formula ROC(=O)OR', wherein R and R' may be the same or different and are each an alkyl or aryl group.

4. The composition according to claim 3, wherein the organic carbonate is a dialkyl carbonate.

5. A process for preparing a composition comprising a titanium or zirconium alkoxide, wherein the alkoxy group in the titanium or zirconium alkoxide is a group of formula $R\text{-}O^-$ wherein R is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl and isopropyl, comprising blending the titanium or zirconium alkoxide with an organic carbonate in such amounts that the resulting composition comprises 0.1 to 50 wt.% of the organic carbonate, based on the total weight of the composition.

6. The process for preparing an aromatic carbonate, comprising reacting a dialkyl carbonate or an alkyl aryl carbonate with an aryl alcohol or an alkyl aryl carbonate, resulting in an aromatic carbonate which is an alkyl aryl carbonate or a diaryl carbonate, wherein the composition comprising a titanium or zirconium alkoxide of claim 1 or prepared in accordance with the process of claim 5 is mixed with an organic carbonate or an aryl alcohol, wherein the aryl

alcohol is phenol, and the mixture thus obtained is contacted with said dialkyl carbonate or alkyl aryl carbonate and aryl alcohol or alkyl aryl carbonate to catalyze the preparation of the aromatic carbonate.

7. The process according to claim 6, wherein the organic carbonate that is mixed with the composition comprising a titanium or zirconium alkoxide is of formula ROC(=O)OR', wherein R and R' may be the same or different and are each an alkyl or aryl group.

8. The process according to claim 7, wherein the organic carbonate is a dialkyl carbonate.

9. The process according to claim 6, wherein the organic carbonate as contained in the composition comprising a titanium or zirconium alkoxide is the same as the organic carbonate with which said composition is mixed.

10. The process according to claim 6, wherein the step of mixing an organic carbonate with the composition comprising a titanium or zirconium alkoxide of any one of claims 1-4 or prepared in accordance with the process of claim 5 is preceded by a step comprising transporting said composition.

11. The process according to claim 10, wherein the temperature during transport is of from -10 to 50 °C.

12. The process for making a polycarbonate, comprising reacting a dihydroxy aromatic compound with a diaryl carbonate prepared in accordance with the process of claim 6.

13. The process for making a polycarbonate, comprising preparing a diaryl carbonate in accordance with the process of claim 6, and reacting a dihydroxy aromatic compound with the diaryl carbonate thus obtained.