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**COUNCIL DECISION**

**of ...**

**on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application,  
of the Agreement between the European Union  
and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
on certain aspects of air services**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 100(2), in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) By its Decision of 5 June 2003, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with third countries on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements with an agreement at Union level.
- (2) On behalf of the Union, the Commission has negotiated an Agreement with the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on certain aspects of air services ("the Agreement") in accordance with the mechanisms and directives in the Annex to the Council Decision of 5 June 2003.
- (3) The Agreement should be signed and applied on a provisional basis, pending the completion of the procedures for its conclusion,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The signing of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on certain aspects of air services is hereby authorised on behalf of the Union, subject to the conclusion of the said Agreement.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision\*.

*Article 2*

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Union.

*Article 3*

Pending its entry into force, the Agreement shall be applied on a provisional basis, in accordance with Article 7(2) of the Agreement, as from the date of its signature<sup>1</sup>.

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\* OJ: Please attach document st 8176/12.

<sup>1</sup> The date of signature of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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