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To :	COREPER/Council
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Subject :	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Agreement on certain aspects of air services between the European Union and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka - Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

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**COMMON GUIDELINES**  
**Consultation deadline for Croatia: 13 November 2012**

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1. The above Agreement is the result of the Commission's negotiating activities under the so-called "horizontal mandate" (granted by the Council in June 2003) according to which the Commission may negotiate with any third country with a view to bringing Member States' existing bilateral aviation agreements with that country into line with Community law.
2. The Commission presented the above-mentioned proposal to the Council on 14 February 2012. The Council Decision concerning the signature and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on certain aspects of air services was adopted by the Council on 10 May 2012. The Agreement was signed on 27 September 2012, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

3. With a view to preparing for conclusion of the Agreement, COREPER is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decides to forward the draft decision on conclusion as contained in J/L document 15318/12 AVIATION 159 RELEX 960 ASIE 96 OC 585 as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in J/L document 8176/12 AVIATION 53 RELEX 279 ASIE 23 OC 177 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (de) to the European Parliament for its consent.
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