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COUNCIL DECISION

of...

**on the conclusion of the Agreement on certain aspects of air services
between the European Union and the Government
of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**

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(6)(a) and 218(8) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

¹ OJ C ...

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 on certain aspects of air services with the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka^{1*} ("the Agreement") in accordance with the mechanisms and directives in the Annex to the Council Decision of 5 June 2003.
- (3) The Agreement was signed on behalf of the Union on 27 September 2012 subject to its possible conclusion at a later date, in conformity with Council Decision .../.../EU^{2**}.
- (4) The Agreement should be approved on behalf of the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ The Agreement has been published in OJ ... together with the decision on signing.

* OJ: please insert OJ reference for st8176/12 (and Rectificatif st12673/12).

² OJ L ...

** OJ: please insert reference for decision in st8174/12.

Article 1

The Agreement on certain aspects of air services between the European Union and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 7 of the Agreement¹.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

¹ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.