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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 Macao
Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China**

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 the first subparagraph of Article 218(8) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

¹ OJ C ..., ..., p.

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 negotiated an Agreement on certain aspects of air services with the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (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 23 November 2013 subject to its possible conclusion at a later date, in conformity with Decision .../.../EU of the Council on ...^{1*},
- (4) The Agreement should be approved on behalf of the European Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ C ..., ..., p.

* OJ: Please complete the reference and footnote for Council Doc. 8178/12.

Article 1

The Agreement on certain aspects of air services between the European Union and the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China^{1*} is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall designate the person empowered to proceed on behalf of the European Union, to make the notification provided for in Article 8(1) of the Agreement in order to express the consent of the European Union to be bound by the Agreement.

Article 3

This decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

¹ The Agreement is published in [OJ] together with the decision on signature.

* OJ: Please insert in the footnote the publication reference of the Agreement attached to the Decision on signature in Doc 8179/12.