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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on certain aspects of air services - Adoption

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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 open negotiations with third countries with a view to bringing Member States' existing bilateral aviation agreements with that country in line with Union law.
2. Following the initialling of the Agreement, the Commission presented the above-mentioned proposal to the Council on 27 May 2016.
3. The Aviation Working Party examined the draft Council Decision and reached agreement on it at its meeting of 5 July 2016. The text, adjusted in the light of that examination<sup>1</sup>, has been prepared by the Council's legal-linguistic services<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. doc. 10965/16.

<sup>2</sup> 11260/16 (Council Decision).  
11261/16 (Agreement).

4. COREPER could therefore be invited to confirm the Working Party's agreement and to suggest to Council to:
- adopt the two documents 11260/16 (Council Decision) and 11261/16 (Agreement) as a "I/A" item at one of its forthcoming sessions so that the signature and provisional application can proceed;
  - enter the statement set out in the addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council meeting adopting the Council Decision.
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