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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	6219/12 - COM(2012) 29 final
Subject:	Draft Council Decision 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 - Adoption

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. The Commission presented the above-mentioned proposal to the Council on 2 February 2012. The Council Decision concerning the signature and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Macao Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China on certain aspects of air services was adopted by the Council on 10 May 2012¹. The Agreement was signed on 23 November 2013², subject to its conclusion at a later date.

¹ Published in OJ L 21, 24.1.2014, p. 1.

² Published in OJ L 21, 24.1.2014, p. 2.

3. Following signature, the Working Party on Aviation examined the above Commission proposal at its meeting on 16 December 2013.
 4. In the light of that examination, the text of the draft Council Decision on the conclusion (doc. 5255/14) was prepared by the Council's legal-linguistic services and transmitted to the European Parliament for its consent on 6 February 2015.
 5. The European Parliament gave its consent to the proposed Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on 12 April 2016.
 6. Coreper is therefore invited to examine the draft Council Decision as set out in doc. 5255/2/14 REV 2 and suggest to Council to adopt it so as to permit the conclusion of the Agreement.
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