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REPORT

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1. INTRODUCTION

On 7 December 2015, the European Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on a comprehensive air transport agreement between the EU and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Member States, as part of the new Aviation Strategy for Europe¹.

¹ doc. 14992/15.

The main objectives of an agreement with ASEAN would be to enhance market liberalisation, boost regulatory convergence, facilitate closer cooperation, and guarantee a level playing field in the EU-ASEAN aviation market. Moreover, an aviation agreement would increase routes, frequency and capacity between the EU and ASEAN.

2. WORK WITHIN THE COUNCIL BODIES

In February 2016, the Aviation Working Party started a general examination of horizontal issues common in all six recommendations² submitted to the Council, including a recommendation for ASEAN.

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² docs. 15111/15 + ADD 1 (China), 15113/15 + ADD 1 (Turkey), 15115/15 + ADD 1 (Armenia), 15116/15 + ADD 1 (ASEAN), 15117/15 + ADD 1 (six Member States of the Gulf Cooperation Council), 15134/15 + ADD 1 (Mexico).

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4. CONCLUSION

The TTE Council (Transport part) is invited to examine the text set out in Addendum 1 REV 1 to this report, propose a solution to the only remaining outstanding issue and adopt the draft Council Decision.

Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, are invited to adopt the draft Decision set out in Addendum 2 REV 1 to this report.

The Commission indicated that it would submit statements to be entered into the minutes of the Council adopting the draft Council Decision.
