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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of a Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the State of Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia - Adoption

1. The Euro-mediterranean Aviation Agreement with Israel is the result of the mandate granted to the Commission by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council in order to open negotiations with Israel on a comprehensive air transport agreement. The mandate was agreed on 8 April 2008.
2. Further to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, the Decision of the Council and of the representatives of the Member States meeting within the Council concerning the signature and provisional application of the Euro-mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Government of the State of Israel was adopted by the Council on 20 December 2012.

3. The Agreement was signed on 10 June 2013, subject to its conclusion at a later date. The Decision on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement, together with the text of the Agreement, was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 2 August 2013¹.
4. In order to take into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013, the Commission presented the above proposal to the Council on 19 June 2014.
5. Further to the examination of the proposal by the Aviation Working party, the text of the above draft Council decision on the signature of the Protocol has now been prepared by the Council Legal Linguist Services.²
6. Following the examination of the text, COREPER could invite the Council to adopt the above draft Council decision so as to permit the inclusion of Croatia to the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Government of the State of Israel.

¹ OJ L 208, 2.8.2013, p. 1.

² 12262/14 AVIATION 155 ISR 4, 12264/14 AVIATION 156 ISR 5.