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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
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| Subject: | Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia - Adoption |

1. The Agreement on Air Transport with Canada 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 Canada on a comprehensive air transport agreement. The mandate was agreed on 2 October 2007.
2. Further to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, the Decision of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council concerning the signature and provisional application of the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States was adopted by the Council on 30 November 2009.

3. The Agreement was signed on 17-18 December 2009, 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 6 August 2010¹.
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 3 February 2014.
5. Further to the examination of the proposal by the Aviation Working party, the text of the 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 Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States.

¹ OJ L 207, 6.8.2010, p. 30.

² 12254/14 AVIATION 152 CDN 6 RELEX 649
12255/14 AVIATION 153 CDN 7 RELEX 650.