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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, and provisional application of a Protocol amending the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia - Adoption

1. The Common Aviation Area Agreement with Georgia 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 Georgia on a comprehensive air transport agreement. The mandate was agreed on 11 June 2009.
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 Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part was adopted by the Council on 15 October 2010.

3. The Agreement was signed on 2 December 2010, 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 20 November 2012¹.
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 13 May 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 the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part.

¹ OJ L 321, 20.11.2012, p. 1.

² 12211/14 AVIATION 149 COEST 276 NIS 40 RELEX 640
12226/14 AVIATION 150 COEST 277 NIS 41 RELEX 642.