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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	6219/12 AVIATION 22 RELEX 94 MACAO 2
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on certain aspects of air services between the European Union and the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

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 negotiate with any third country with a view to bringing Member States' existing bilateral aviation agreements with that country into 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 2012. The Agreement was signed on 23 November 2013, subject to its conclusion at a later date. Following signature, the Working Party on Aviation examined the above Commission proposal on 16 December 2013.

3. The Croatian language version of the decision and the agreement, which were not produced at the time of the submission of the Commission proposal, are now available.
 4. With a view to preparing for the conclusion of the Agreement, Coreper is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decides to forward the Council's agreement in principle on the Decision on conclusion, as contained in J/L document 5255/14 AVIATION 7 RELEX 21 MACAO 2 as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in J/L document 8179/12 + COR 1 (fi) + COR 2 (cs) + COR 3 (de) to the European Parliament for its consent.
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