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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, 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
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

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 on 11 June 2009. Further to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, 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.

¹ OJ L 321, 20.11.2012, p. 1.

2. 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. The Council adopted the Decision to authorise the signature of the Protocol amending the Common Aviation Area Agreement with Georgia on 8 October 2014, and the Protocol was signed on 26 November 2014.

3. With a view to preparing for the conclusion of the Protocol, 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 12227/14 AVIATION 151 COEST 278 NIS 42 RELEX 643, as well as the text of the Protocol as contained in J/L document 12227/14 + COR 1 (cs) to the European Parliament for its consent.
