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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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia

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1. The Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union, its Member States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan 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 the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on a comprehensive agreement. The mandate was agreed on 30 November 2007.
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, its Member States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan was adopted by the Council on 15 October 2010.

3. The Agreement was signed on 15 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 6 December 2012<sup>1</sup>.
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 30 January 2015.
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<sup>2</sup> has now been prepared by the Council Legal Linguist Services, together with the text of the Protocol<sup>3</sup>.
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 between the European Union, its Member States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan;
  - to take note of the Commission's statement in annex to this note.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 334, 6.12.2012, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> 7059/15 AVIATION 41 RHJ 3 RELEX 203.

<sup>3</sup> 7066/15 AVIATION 42 RHJ 4 RELEX 204

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

"The Commission takes note that an agreement was reached by unanimity on Article 2 of the proposal for a Council decision. The Commission recalls its views that the signature of an international agreement is an act of external representation of the Union, which the Commission is entrusted to do in line with Article 17(1) TEU."

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