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## **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the 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 and the Republic of Moldova, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2015/...**

**of ...**

**on the signing, on behalf of the 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  
and the Republic of Moldova,  
to take account of the accession to the European Union  
of the Republic of Croatia**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 100(2), in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Croatia, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations, on behalf of the Union, its Member States and the Republic of Croatia, to conclude a Protocol amending the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova<sup>1</sup>, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia ('the Protocol').
- (2) Those negotiations were successfully completed on 16 September 2014.
- (3) The Protocol should be signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (4) The Protocol should be applied provisionally,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> The text of the Agreement is published in OJ L 292, 20.10.2012, p. 3.

*Article 1*

The signing of the Protocol amending the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia is hereby authorised on behalf of the Union and its Member States, subject to the conclusion of the said Protocol.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.\*

*Article 2*

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Protocol on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

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\* Delegations: see document st 7047/15.

*Article 3*

The Protocol shall be applied on a provisional basis, in accordance with Article 3(2) thereof, as from the signing thereof by the parties<sup>1</sup>, pending its entry into force.

*Article 4*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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<sup>1</sup> The date from which the Protocol will be provisionally applied will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.