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Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DECISION authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the Swiss Confederation on an agreement laying down the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the European GNSS Agency - Adoption

1. On 20 November 2017, the Commission presented to the Council a recommendation for a Council decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the Swiss Confederation on an agreement laying down the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the European GNSS Agency.
2. The Working Party on Transport Intermodal Questions and Networks examined the recommendation for a draft Council decision as well as the negotiating directives at its meetings on 25 January 2018 and 22 February 2018 and confirmed the agreement on both texts through a silence procedure following the meeting of 22 February 2018 (doc. 5978/1/18 REV 1).

3. Following the agreement by the Working Party, the Council decision has been prepared by the Council's legal-linguistic services (doc. 6673/18).
 4. The Council is therefore invited, subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, to adopt the decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with the Swiss Confederation on an agreement laying down the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the European GNSS Agency, as presented in documents 6673/18 + ADD 1.
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