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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	10119/16
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on certain aspects of air services - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. The Commission had been granted a mandate in June 2003 according to which the Commission may open negotiations with the Republic of the Philippines with a view to bringing Member States' existing bilateral aviation agreements with the Republic of the Philippines in line with Union law. The above Agreement is the result of the said negotiations.
2. On 27 May 2016, the Commission presented to the Council its proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and provisional application of the agreement and on the conclusion, respectively (doc. 10118/16 and 10119/16).
3. The Decision on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union, on the one hand, and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, on the other hand was adopted by the Council on 20 September 2016. The Agreement was signed on 29 November 2018, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

4. 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 18 December 2018¹.
5. 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 draft decision on conclusion as contained in J/L document 15056/18 as well as the text of the Agreement² to the European Parliament for its consent.

¹ OJ L 322, 18.12.2018, p. 1–11.

² 11261/16.