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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, of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union – Adoption

1. On 4 April 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council Decision on the opening of negotiations with the United States of America to modify the scope of the Memorandum of Cooperation on civil aviation research and development to cover all phases of air traffic management modernisation and global interoperability.
2. On 16 May 2017, the Council adopted the Council Decision on the opening of negotiations with the United States on the amendment of the above-mentioned Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC).
3. The Commission negotiated on behalf of the Union and the modified MoC was initialled on 28 July 2017.

4. On 19 October 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of Amendment 1 to the Memorandum of Cooperation NAT-I-9406 between the United States of America and the European Union, together with Amendment 1 to the MoC in its annex.
 5. The above-mentioned Council Decision and Amendment 1 to the MoC were adopted by the Council on 7 December 2017 (J/L documents 14030/17 and 14031/17) and they were signed on 13 December 2017 in Brussels.
 6. On 16 January 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of Amendment 1 to the MoC.
 7. On 8 March 2018, the Council decided to request the European Parliament to give its consent to the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the above-mentioned Amendment 1 to the MoC, as finalised by the Council legal/linguistic experts (doc 5800/18), as well as to the text of the Amendment 1 (doc 14031/17).
 8. On 12 September 2018, the European Parliament gave its consent for the conclusion of Amendment 1 to the MoC.
 9. With a view to preparing for the conclusion of the Amendment 1 to the MoC, COREPER is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decides to adopt draft Council Decision on conclusion, as contained in J/L document 5800/18.
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