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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
No. Cion doc.:	9070/18
Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union of the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on certain aspects of air services
	– Request by the Council for the consent to the European Parliament

1. The Commission had been granted a mandate in June 2003 according to which the Commission may open negotiations with the People's Republic of China with a view to bringing Member States' existing bilateral aviation agreements with the People's Republic of China in line with Union law. The above Agreement is the result of said negotiations.

2. On 17 May 2018, the Commission presented to the Council its proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on certain aspects of air services (9069/18 and 9070/18 respectively).

3. The Decision on the signature of the Agreement between the European Union, on the one hand, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, on the other hand, was adopted by the Council on 26 June 2018. The Agreement was signed on 20 May 2019, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

4. The Decision on the signature of the Agreement was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 21 August 2018[1].

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 11033/19 as well as the text of the Agreement contained in J/L document 9685/18 to the European Parliament for its consent.

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[1]   OJ L 210, 21.8.2018, p. 1