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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and on the provisional application of the Agreement with Respect to Time Limitations on Arrangements for the Provision of Aircraft with Crew between the United States of America, the European Union, Iceland, and the Kingdom of Norway – Adoption

1. The above Agreement is the result of the Commission's negotiating activities based on a mandate granted by the Council on 21 December 2016 according to which the Commission could open negotiations with the United States ("US") with a view to build on the Air Transport Agreement ("ATA") between the EU and the US which was signed on 25 and 30 April 2007.
2. On 5 June 2019, the Commission presented to the Council its proposals for Council Decisions on the signing and on the conclusion of the above-mentioned Agreement (9901/19 and 9905/19 respectively).
3. The Aviation Working Party examined the draft Council Decision and agreed on it at its meeting of 11 June 2019.
4. Following the examination at working party level, the text of the Council Decision on the signing and the Agreement have been revised by the Council's legal-linguistic services.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council adopt the draft decision on the signing, as contained in J/L document 10485/19, as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in J/L document 10584/19. A Memorandum of Consultations also accompanies the Council Decision and the Agreement and may be found in document 11100/19.
 6. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and the Decision will be transmitted to the EP.
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