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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation
- Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. The above Agreement is the result of the Commission's mandate (granted by the Council on 25 September 2014) to negotiate, on behalf of the Union, an international agreement with the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) establishing the conditions for the provision of a satellite-based augmentation service (SBAS) in Africa on the basis of the EGNOS European satellite navigation programme (docs. 11911/14 + ADD 1 EU RESTRICTED).

2. On 12 September 2016, the Commission presented to the Council its proposal for a Council Decision authorising the signature, on behalf of the Union, of a cooperation agreement between the European Union and ASECNA on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation (docs. 12228/16 + ADD 1).
3. The Decision authorising the signature was adopted by the Council on 21 November 2016. The Agreement was signed on 5 December 2016.
4. The Decision authorising the signature was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 13 December 2016¹.
5. On 1 June 2017, the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation.
6. The Working Party on Transport, Intermodal Questions and Networks discussed the proposal and reached agreement on it at its meeting of 14 July 2017.
7. Following the agreement at the Working Party, the draft Council Decision on the conclusion was prepared by the Council's legal-linguistic service (doc. 11351/17).
8. 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 doc. 11351/17 as well as the text of the Agreement as set out in doc. 13661/16 to the European Parliament for its consent.

¹ OJ L 337, 13.12.2016, p. 1.