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1. On 7 December 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on a comprehensive air transport agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia. The main objectives of an agreement with Armenia would be to enhance market liberalisation, achieve regulatory convergence with the EU aviation acquis, facilitate closer cooperation, and guarantee a level playing field in the EU-Armenia aviation market. Moreover, an aviation agreement would increase routes, frequency and capacity between the EU and Armenia.

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2. The Aviation Working Party examined the recommendation, including the negotiating directives and decided, following previous practice, to establish a separate Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States covering those competences that do not fall within the exclusive Union competence (addendum 2 to this note).
 3. An agreement on the draft Decisions and the negotiating directives was reached at the Working Party on 4 November 2016.
 4. Consequently, Coreper is invited to confirm the Working Party's agreement and to suggest to Council to adopt the draft Council Decision, including the negotiating directives set out in addendum 1 to this note, as a "I/A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings.
 5. Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, are invited to adopt the draft Decision set out in Addendum 2 to this note.
 6. The European Parliament should be informed of the adoption of the Council Decision, in compliance with Article 218(10) TFEU.
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