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

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the European Union
- Adoption

1. The Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine is the result of the mandate granted by the Council to the Commission on 7 October 2004.
2. Further to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, the Decision concerning the signature of the Cooperation Agreement was adopted by the Council on 14 November 2005. The Cooperation Agreement was signed on 1 December 2005.

3. Subsequently, the Decision on the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement was adopted by the Council on 25 November 2013 and it was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 26 April 2014¹.
4. In order to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union on 1 January 2007 and the accession of the Republic of Croatia on 1 July 2013, the Commission presented the above proposal to the Council on 1 October 2019.
5. The proposal was examined at the Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks of 21 October 2019. At this meeting, delegations expressed support for the proposal and no amendments to it were proposed.
6. Subsequently, the text of the draft Council decision on the signature of the Protocol has been prepared by the Council Legal Linguist Service².
7. Consequently, it is suggested that COREPER invites the Council to adopt the above draft Council decision so as to permit the inclusion of Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine.

¹ OJ L 125, 26.4.2014, p. 1.

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