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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia
– Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. The Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova was negotiated on the basis of the Council Decision of 16 June 2011 authorising the opening of negotiations.
2. Further to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, the Decision of the Council and of the Representatives of the Member States meeting within the Council concerning the signature and provisional application of the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova was adopted by the Council on 7 June 2012.

3. The Common Aviation Area Agreement was signed on 26 June 2012, subject to its conclusion at a later date. The Decision on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement, together with the text of the Agreement, was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 20 October 2012¹.
4. In order to take into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013, the Commission presented the proposal for the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application, as well as the proposal for the Council Decision on the conclusion to the Council on 19 February 2015.
5. The Protocol amending the Agreement was signed on 22 July 2015. The Decision on the signature and provisional application of the Protocol amending the Agreement, together with the text of the Protocol, was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 14 August 2015².
5. Further to the examination of the proposal by the Aviation Working party, the text of the above draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol³ has now been prepared by the Council Legal Linguist Services, together with the text of the Protocol⁴.
8. With a view to preparing for the conclusion of the Protocol amending 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 7048/15, as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in J/L document 7047/15, to the European Parliament for its consent.

¹ OJ L 292, 20.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 215, 14.8.2015, p. 1–5.

³ 7048/15 AVIATION 38 NIS10 RELEX 206 COEST 93.

⁴ 7047/15 AVIATION 39 NIS 11 RELEX 207 COEST 94