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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services – Adoption

1. On behalf of the European Union, the Commission negotiated an Agreement with the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services (hereinafter "the Agreement"). The negotiations were conducted in line with the authorisation, granted by the Council to the Commission on 5 June 2003, to negotiate agreements with third countries on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements to align them with Union law.
2. On 7 September 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement and a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.¹
3. On 14 December 2015, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement.
4. Following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and the expiry of the transition period on 31 December 2020, the references to the United Kingdom were removed from the

¹ ST 11854/15 and ST 11791/15.

text of the Agreement before it could be signed. Bangladesh had agreed to the removal of those references. On 18 September 2023, the Council took note of the intention to present for signing a text which differed from the text approved by the Council insofar as the references to the UK were concerned.²

5. The Agreement was signed on 7 June 2024 and was published together with the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.³
6. On 23 September 2024, the Council agreed in principle on the text of the draft decision on the conclusion, as revised by the lawyer-linguists in document ST 10844/24. The Council forwarded a request to the European Parliament for its consent.
7. On 11 February 2025, the European Parliament gave its consent to the draft Decision on the conclusion (with 562 votes in favour, 17 votes against, 3 abstentions).
8. Consequently, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council, at one of its upcoming meetings adopts the Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.
9. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the Council Decision in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and the Council Decision will be published in all official EU languages in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

² ST 12856/23

³ OJ L, 2024/1698, 26.6.2024, and OJ L, 2024/1699, 26.6.2024.