EC/Canada agreement: civil aviation safety

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PURPOSE: conclude an Agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Community and Canada.

BACKGROUND: the Commission has negotiated on behalf of the Union an Agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Community and Canada in accordance with the Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations. The Agreement was signed on 6 May 2009 on behalf of the Union subject to its possible conclusion at a later date.

Following the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon on 1 December 2009, the European Union should make a notification to Canada as regards the succession of the European Community by the European Union.

It is now appropriate to approve this Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 100(2) and 207(4) in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and the first subparagraph of Article 218(8) of the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: by this Decision, the Agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Community and Canada is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision. For further details on the content of this Agreement please refer to the summary of the previous initial legislative document dated 12/04/2010.

Procedural arrangements for the participation of the Union in the joint bodies established by the Agreement are provided, as well as for the adoption of certain decisions concerning in particular the amendment of the Agreement and its Annexes, the addition of new annexes, the termination of individual annexes, consultations and dispute resolution and the adoption of safeguard measures.

It should be noted that the Member States should take the necessary measures in order to ensure that their bilateral agreements with Canada on the same subject are terminated as of the date of entry into force of the Agreement.

BUGETARY IMPLICATION: this proposal has no implication for the EU budget.