EU/European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (Eurocontrol) Agreement: enhanced cooperation

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PURPOSE: the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation providing a general framework for enhanced cooperation.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

PARLIAMENT'S ROLE: Parliament's consent is required for the Council to conclude the agreement.

BACKGROUND: the Commission has negotiated on behalf of the Union the Agreement between the European Union and the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation providing a general framework for enhanced cooperation. The Agreement was signed on 20 December 2012 subject to its conclusion at a later date.

It is necessary to lay down procedural arrangements for the participation of the Union in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 100(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in conjunction with point (a) of Article 218(6) thereof.

CONTENT: by means of this draft Council Decsion, it is proposed to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (Eurocontrol) providing a general framework for enhanced cooperation.

The draft agreement defines the terms and conditions of enhanced cooperation between the EU and Eurocontrol to support the EU in the implementation and development of ATM (air traffic management) in accordance with the SES (Single European Sky) legal framework and related EU policies.

For further information regarding the main objectives and content of the proposed cooperation, *please refer to the summary of the Commission's initial legislative proposal, dated 02/08/2012*.