EU/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the State of Israel, of the other part.

PROPOSED ACT: Decision of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Commission negotiated, on behalf of the Union and of the Member States, a Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the State of Israel, of the other part, with the Government of the State of Israel. The Agreement was signed on 10 June 2013.

It is now necessary to approve the Agreement on behalf of the Union.

LEGAL BASIS: Article 100(2), 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.

CONTENT: under this proposed Decision, the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the State of Israel, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The proposed Decision lays down appropriate arrangements for the coordination between, and representation of, the Union and the Member States in the Joint Committee and in the dispute settlement procedures, as well as for implementing certain provisions of the Agreement concerning security and safety.

It also aims to ensure a uniform application in respect of the Joint Committee set up by the Agreement. It includes clear guidance for representation "on the spot" by, inter alia, confirming the necessity of a joint and common approach.

The Agreement should be implemented in conformity with the Union's position that the territories which came under Israeli administration in June 1967 are not part of the territory of the State of Israel.