EU/Israel Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement: accession to the EU of Croatia. Protocol

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PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol amending 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, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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

CONTEXT: the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union, its Member States and the State of Israel was negotiated on the basis of the Council Decision adopted in April 2008 authorising the opening of negotiations. The Agreement was signed on 10 June 2013.

The Republic of Croatia acceded to the European Union on 1 July 2013.

Pursuant to Article 6(2) of the Act concerning the Conditions of Accession, Croatia undertook to accede to the agreements concluded or signed by the Member States and the Union with one or more third counties or an international organisation.

A protocol had been negotiated, containing the necessary linguistic adaptations of the Agreement that ensue from the accession of Croatia.

The Protocol should be approved in the name of the EU.

CONTENT: with the present proposal, the Council is invited to approve in the name of the EU and its Member States, the Protocol amending 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, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia.

The Protocol only ensures the necessary amendment to be made to the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union, its Member States and the State of Israel following the accession of Croatia to the EU on 1 July 2013.