EU/Morocco Cooperation Agreement: Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

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

BACKGROUND: on 21 April 2005, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with Morocco for the conclusion of a Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS).

In accordance with the Council Decision of 27 November 2006, the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco was signed on 12 December 2006.

It is now necessary to conclude this Agreement on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the EU, the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Morocco.

The future Agreement will allow for closer cooperation with Morocco in the area of satellite navigation. It will implement a number of elements of the European satellite navigation programmes.

For details as regards the objectives of the Agreement, please refer to the summary of the *initial legislative proposal published on 22/04/2014*.