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

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PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, Jordan, of the other part, to take account of the accession to the European Union of Croatia.

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: the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union, its Member States and Jordan was negotiated on the basis of the Council Decision adopted in October 2007 authorising the opening of negotiations. The Agreement was signed on 15 December 2010.

The Agreement with Jordan forms part of the Union's external aviation policy framework established by the Commission Communication "Developing the agenda for the Community's external aviation policy" and recently reviewed by the Commission Communication "The EU's External Aviation Policy - Addressing Future Challenges" and the corresponding Council Conclusions.

Croatia acceded to the European Union on 1 July 2013 and 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 now be approved.

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is requested to approve the Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union, its Member States and Jordan.