

EU/USA Agreement: cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety

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The European Parliament adopted by 529 votes to 19, with 31 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of an amendment to the Agreement between the United States of America and the European Community on cooperation in the regulation of civil aviation safety.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

The Agreement which entered into force on 1 May 2011 aims, inter alia, to ensure the continuation of high-level cooperation and harmonisation between the United States of America and the European Union in the fields within the scope of the Agreement, namely: (i) airworthiness approvals and monitoring of civil aeronautical products; (ii) environmental testing and approvals of civil aeronautical products; and (iii) approvals and monitoring of maintenance facilities.

The amendment extends the areas of cooperation between the Parties, where reciprocal acceptance of approvals and findings of compliance can apply, to allow for an optimised resource utilisation and commensurate cost savings while maintaining a high degree of safety in air transport.