EU/Jordan agreement: Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, on the other hand.

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 and its Member States, of the one part, and Jordan, of the other part, was signed on 15 December 2010, subject to its conclusion at a later date, in accordance with Decision 2012/750/EU of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council.

The Agreement has been ratified by all Member States, with the exception of Croatia, which is acceding to the Agreement in accordance with the 2012 Act of Accession. The Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Jordan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union was signed on 3 May 2016.

The Agreement now needs to be approved on behalf of the Union. This amended legislative proposal takes into account the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon and the judgment of the Court of Justice of 28 April 2015 in Case C-28/12. The European Parliament is once again consulted on the draft Council Decision.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one hand, and Jordan, on the other hand.

The proposed decision provides that the position to be taken by the Union as regards decisions of the Joint Committee under the Agreement on the inclusion of Union legislation in Annex III to the Agreement, subject to any technical adjustments needed, shall be expressed by the Commission, after submitting it for consultation to the Council or its preparatory bodies, as the Council may decide.

The Council draft also terminates the application of Articles 3 and 4 of Decision 2012/750/EC, which contain decision-making and representation provisions on various issues contained in the Agreement in the light of the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union of 28 April 2015 in Case C-28/12.