EU/Japan Agreement: civil aviation safety

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The European Parliament approved by 678 votes to 7, with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement on civil aviation safety between the European Union and Japan.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

On 7 March 2016, the Council authorised the European Commission to open negotiations with Japan in view of concluding a Bilateral Air Safety Agreement (BASA) to enhance air safety and contribute to the global competitiveness of the European aviation industry by means of cutting red-tape and facilitating exports. The Agreement was signed on 22 June 2020, subject to its conclusion.

The Agreement between the European Union and Japan is part of the Commission's Aviation Strategy for Europe, which aims to support European businesses and ensure better conditions for passengers.

Being based on reciprocal trust in each other’s aviation regulatory and compliance system, the Agreement also considers transparency, cooperation related to safety issues, protection of data, and confidential information. It also establishes a Joint Committee, composed of representatives of both sides, to ensure the proper implementation of the provisions.