EU/USA Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of Galileo and GPS satellite-based navigation systems and related applications: extension

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PURPOSE: to renew the Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of Galileo and GPS satellite navigation systems and related applications between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United States of America, of the other part.

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 Council approved the conclusion of the Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of Galileo and GPS satellite navigation systems and related applications between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the United States of America, on the other. The Agreement was signed at Dromoland Castle, Ireland, on 26 June 2004. It entered into force on 12 December 2011 for an initial period of ten years and expired on 11 December 2021.

Both Parties have confirmed their intention to renew the Agreement for a further period of five years without amendment. The renewal of the Agreement must therefore be approved on behalf of the Union.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision concerns the approval, on behalf of the Union, of the renewal, for a further period of five years, of the Agreement on the promotion, provision and use of the Galileo and GPS satellite navigation systems and associated applications between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United States of America, of the other part.

The Agreement’s objective is to provide a framework for cooperation between the Parties in the promotion, provision and use of civil GPS and Galileo navigation and timing signals and services, value-added services, augmentations, and global navigation and timing goods.

Moreover, the Parties intend to work together, both bilaterally and in multilateral fora, as provided herein, to promote and facilitate the use of these signals, services, and equipment for peaceful civil, commercial, and scientific uses, consistent with and in furtherance of mutual security interests.

The decision will enter into force on the day of its adoption. It will apply from 12 December 2021. From the date of renewal, the European Union will ensure compliance with all obligations under the agreement towards the United States of America.