Basic information

2006/0027(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
EC/Maldives agreement: air services, replacing the bilateral agreements by a Community agreement **Subject** 3.20.15.02 Air transport agreements and cooperation **Geographical area** Maldives	

Key players

European Parliament	**Committee responsible**	**Rapporteur**	**Appointed**
	TRAN Transport and Tourism	COSTA Paolo (ALDE)	20/06/2006

Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
	General Affairs	2850	2008-02-18
	General Affairs	2743	2006-07-17

European Commission	**Commission DG**	**Commissioner**
	Energy and Transport	BARROT Jacques

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
03/03/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0095	Summary
05/09/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
13/09/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
20/09/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0297/2006	
12/10/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0400/2006	Summary
12/10/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/02/2008	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/02/2008	End of procedure in Parliament		

05/03/2008	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2006/0027(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/6/34544

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE376.688	18/08/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0297/2006	20/09/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0400/2006	12/10/2006	Summary

European Commission

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Additional information

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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act

Decision 2008/0188
OJ L 060 05.03.2008, p. 0022 Summary

EC/Maldives agreement: air services, replacing the bilateral agreements by a Community agreement

2006/0027(CNS) - 03/03/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to sign and conclude an Agreement between the Community and the Republic of the Maldives on certain aspects of air services.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: following a series of ECJ judgements on the “open sky” cases, the Commission has negotiated an Agreement with the Republic of Maldives that replaces certain provisions in existing bilateral air services Agreements between the Member States and the Republic of Maldives.

Article 2 of the Agreement replaces the traditional designation clauses with a Community designation clause, permitting all Community carriers to benefit from the right of establishment. Articles 4 and 5 of the Agreement address two types of clauses concerning matters relating to Community responsibilities. Article 4 deals with the taxation of aviation fuels (a matter which has been harmonised by Council Directive 2003/93/EC on restructuring the Community framework for the taxation of energy products and electricity). Article 5 (Pricing) resolves conflicts between existing bilateral air services Agreements and Council Regulation 2409/92 on fares and rates for air services prohibiting third country carriers from being price leaders on air services for carriage wholly within the Community.

The Council is asked to approve the twin Decisions firstly, on the signature and provisional application and secondly, on the Conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Maldives on certain aspects of air services and to designate the persons authorised to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Community.

EC/Maldives agreement: air services, replacing the bilateral agreements by a Community agreement

2006/0027(CNS) - 17/07/2006

The Council adopted a decision approving the signature and provisional application of agreement on air services between the EU and the Maldives. This agreement is the result of negotiation under a mandate by which the Commission can negotiate with any third country with a view to bringing Member States' existing bilateral aviation agreements into line with Community law.

EC/Maldives agreement: air services, replacing the bilateral agreements by a Community agreement

2006/0027(CNS) - 12/10/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Paolo **COSTA** (ALDE, IT), and approved the conclusion of the agreement between the EC and the Maldives on certain aspects of air services.

EC/Maldives agreement: air services, replacing the bilateral agreements by a Community agreement

2006/0027(CNS) - 18/02/2008 - Final act

PURPOSE: the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Maldives on certain aspects of air services.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2008/188/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Maldives on certain aspects of air services.

CONTENT: following the rulings of the Court of Justice of the European Communities in the “Open skies” case, the Council authorised the Commission, in June 2003, to open negotiations with third countries in order to replace certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements with Community agreements. On behalf of the Community, the Commission has negotiated an Agreement with the Republic of Maldives on certain aspects of air services, in accordance with the mechanisms and directives in the Annex to the Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with third countries in order to replace certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements with Community agreements.

The Council decided to approve the agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Maldives on certain aspects of air services. Article 2 of the agreement replaces the traditional designation clauses with a Community designation clause, permitting all Community carriers to benefit from the right of establishment. Article 4 deals with the taxation of aviation fuel, a matter which has been harmonised by Council

Directive 2003/96/EC. Article 5 (Pricing) resolves conflicts between the existing bilateral air services agreements and Council Regulation No 2409/92 on fares and rates for air services which prohibits third country carriers from being price leaders on air services for carriage wholly within the Community.