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Key players			
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Key events	

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
07/09/2015	Preparatory document	COM(2015)0423 	Summary
27/09/2024	Legislative proposal published	10844/2024	
21/10/2024	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
29/01/2025	Vote in committee		
30/01/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A10-0005/2025	
11/02/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0008/2025	Summary
11/02/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		
24/03/2025	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
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European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE765.289	19/11/2024	
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EU/Bangladesh Agreement: air services

2015/0188(NLE) - 07/09/2015 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement between the European Union and Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the Council adopts the act after consulting the European Parliament but without being obliged to follow its opinion.

BACKGROUND: following the judgements of the Court of Justice in the so-called "Open Skies" cases, on 5 June 2003 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with third countries on the replacement of certain provisions in existing agreements with an agreement at Union level (the "horizontal authorisation"). The objectives of such agreements are to give all European Union air carriers non-discriminatory access to routes between the European Union and third countries, and to bring bilateral air services agreements between Member States and third countries in line with Union law.

PURPOSE: in accordance with the mechanisms and directives in the Annex to the "horizontal authorisation", the Commission has negotiated an agreement with Bangladesh that replaces certain provisions in the existing bilateral air services agreements between Member States and Bangladesh. The objective of the Agreement is to bring bilateral air services agreements between 8 Member States and the People's Republic of Bangladesh in line with Union law.

Article 2 of the Agreement replaces the traditional designation clauses with an EU designation clause, permitting all EU carriers to benefit from the right of establishment.

Article 5 resolves potential conflicts with the competition rules of the Union.

Under this proposed Decision, the Council is called upon to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services.

EU/Bangladesh Agreement: air services

2015/0188(NLE) - 11/02/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 562 votes to 17, with 3 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services.

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

As a reminder, the Commission negotiated with Bangladesh an agreement which replaces certain provisions of existing bilateral air services agreements between Member States and Bangladesh.

On 7 June 2024, the European Union and Bangladesh signed the "Agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services". On 6 September 2024, the ambassadors of the Member States to the EU (Coreper) approved the conclusion of the horizontal aviation agreement between the European Union and Bangladesh.

By granting all EU air carriers non-discriminatory access to routes between the EU and Bangladesh, this agreement promotes competition on air routes between the EU and an important EU partner from Asia and will, consequently, improve connectivity.

Standard EU clauses on aviation safety, aviation fuel taxation and compatibility with competition rules are included in the agreement, to ensure compatibility of the bilateral air services agreements with EU policies and standards.