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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on civil aviation safety – Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On 18 May 2018, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposals for Council decisions on the signature and on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of China on civil aviation safety (9137/18 and 9527/18 respectively).
2. The Decision on the signature of the Agreement between the European Union, on the one hand, and the Republic of China, on the other hand, was adopted by the Council on 26 June 2018 and the Agreement was subsequently signed on 20 May 2019, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
3. The Decision on the signature of the Agreement was published in the Official Journal on 21 August 2018¹.

¹ Council Decision 2018/1153 (*OJL 210, 21.8.2018, p. 2-2*)

4. The Working Party on Aviation examined the draft decision on the conclusion at its meetings on 4 July, 5 and 10 September, 24 October and 7 and 14 November 2019. Following the agreement reached at working party level, the text of the amended Council Decision on the conclusion was revised by the Council's legal-linguistic services.
 5. With a view to preparing for the conclusion of the Agreement, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decides to forward the draft decision on conclusion, as contained in J/L document 14185/19, as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in J/L document 9702/18 to the European Parliament for its consent.
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