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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement between the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, and the European Union and its Member States - Adoption

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1. The above draft Agreement is the result of the negotiations conducted by the Commission based on the authorisation granted by the Council on 7 June 2016 and 26 May 2020 to the Commission to open negotiations with the Member States of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) with a view to conclude a Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement. The negotiators reached an agreement on the draft text on 2 June 2021.
2. On 6 May 2022, the Commission presented to the Council its proposals for a Council Decision on the signing of the above-mentioned draft Agreement and for a Council Decision on the conclusion of that Agreement (8887/22 and 8884/22 respectively).
3. The members of the Aviation Working Party examined the draft Council Decision on the signing during its meetings on 24 May and 7 July 2022.

4. Following the examination at working party level, the text of the draft Council Decision on the signing and the text of the draft Agreement have been revised by the Council's legal-linguistic services.
  5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to examine the draft Council Decision as set out in J/L document 8896/22 and the text of the draft Agreement as set out in J/L document 8974/22, and suggest that the Council, in part “A” of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts that Decision so as to permit the signing of the Agreement.
  6. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and the Decision will be transmitted to the EP.
  7. In this context, it is noted that the signature of the draft Agreement are also supported by Member States in their capacity as Parties to that Agreement alongside the Union.
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