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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the European Union

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/...

of ...

**on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States,
of the Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement
on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS)
between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine
to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria,
the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the European Union**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 172, in conjunction with point (a) of the second subparagraph of Article 218(6) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania, and the Act of Accession of Croatia, and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,¹

¹ OJ C... .

Whereas:

- (1) The Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine¹ ("the Agreement") was signed on 1 December 2005 and entered into force on 1 December 2013.
- (2) Bulgaria and Romania became Member States of the Union on 1 January 2007 and Croatia became a Member State of the Union on 1 July 2013.
- (3) In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania and Article 6 (2) of the Act of Accession of Croatia, accession to the Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to the Agreement. Those provisions provide for a simplified procedure whereby a protocol is to be concluded by the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and by Ukraine.
- (4) On 23 October 2006 and on 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned in order to conclude protocols to international agreements concluded by the Union and its Member States.

¹ OJ L 125, 26.4.2014, p. 3.

- (5) The Commission successfully concluded the negotiations with Ukraine on the Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the European Union ("the Protocol"), by exchange of *notes verbales*.
- (6) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2019/...¹⁺, the Protocol was signed on ...⁺⁺, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (7) The Protocol should be approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2019/... of ... on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the European Union (OJ L , , p.).

⁺ OJ: please insert the number of the Decision contained in document ST 13318/19 and complete the footnote accordingly.

⁺⁺ OJ: please insert the date of the signing.

Article 1

The Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States and Ukraine to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.⁺

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, give the notification provided for in Article 4 of the Protocol.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

⁺ Delegations: see document ST 13343/19.