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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia – Adoption

1. The Agreement on Air Transport with Canada is the result of the mandate granted to the Commission by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council in order to open negotiations with Canada on a comprehensive air transport agreement. The mandate was agreed on 2 October 2007.
2. Further to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, the Decision of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council concerning the signature and provisional application of the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States was adopted by the Council on 30 November 2009.

3. The Agreement was signed on 17-18 December 2009, subject to its conclusion at a later date. The Decision on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement, together with the text of the Agreement, was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 6 August 2010¹.
4. In order to take into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013, the Commission presented the above proposal to the Council on 3 February 2014. The Council adopted the Decision to authorise the signature of the Protocol amending the Air Transport Agreement with Canada on 8 October 2014 and the Protocol for Croatia's accession was signed on 27 January 2017 in Brussels.
5. On 21 February 2017, the Council decided to forward the amended draft decision on conclusion as contained in document J/L document 12256/14 + COR 1 (cs) + COR 2 (es), as well as the text of the Protocol as contained in J/L document 12255/14, to the European Parliament for its consent.
6. The European Parliament gave its consent to the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on 12 September 2018.
7. Coreper is therefore invited to examine the draft Council Decision as set out in doc. 12256/14 + COR 1 (cs) and suggest to Council to adopt it so as to permit the conclusion of the Protocol.

¹ OJ L 207, 6.8.2010, p. 30.