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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
Subject:	Amended proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part – Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. The above Agreement is the result of the Commission's mandate (granted by the Council on 11 June 2009, to open negotiations with Georgia on a comprehensive air transport agreement.
2. On 28 June 2010, the Commission presented to the Council its proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and provisional application of the Agreement and on the conclusion of the Agreement.
3. The Agreement was signed on 2 December 2010. 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 20 November 2012¹.

¹ OJ L 321, 20.11.2012, p. 1–32.

4. The ratification process was completed by all Member States on 8 February 2018, except for the Republic of Croatia, but it is intended that the Republic of Croatia will accede to the Agreement in accordance with the procedure provided for in the Act of accession annexed to its Treaty of Accession of 5 December 2011.
 5. On 28 June 2018, the Commission submitted an amended proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, with a view notably to take into account the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon and the judgement of the European Court of Justice of 28 April 2015 in the Case C-28/12.
 6. The Aviation Working Party discussed the amended proposal and reached agreement on it on 13 July 2018, 23 July 2018, 26 February 2019 and 9 April 2019.
 7. 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.
 8. With a view to preparing for the conclusion of the Agreement, COREPER 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 9556/19, as well as the text of the Agreement as contained in J/L document 14370/10, to the European Parliament for its consent.
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