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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion on behalf of the Union of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/...

of ...

**on the conclusion on behalf of the Union
of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union
and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety
in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA)
on the development of satellite navigation
and the provision of associated services
in ASECNA's area of competence
for the benefit of civil aviation**

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 proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

¹ Consent of [date] (not yet published in the Official Journal).

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2016/2234¹, the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation (hereinafter referred to as the 'Agreement') was signed on 5 December 2016, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The Union strategy aiming, on the basis of European satellite navigation programmes, on the one hand, to develop the use of this technology and provide associated services in ASECNA's area of competence, particularly by creating an autonomous satellite-based augmentation service (SBAS) for the benefit of ASECNA, and, on the other hand, and more generally to promote the use of satellite navigation on the African continent, is pursued actively under this Agreement.
- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2016/2234 of 21 November 2016 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (Asecna) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in Asecna's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation (OJ L 337, 13.12.2016, p. 1).

Article 1

The Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the Agency for Aerial Navigation Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA) on the development of satellite navigation and the provision of associated services in ASECNA's area of competence for the benefit of civil aviation is approved on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall designate the person(s) empowered to deposit, on behalf of the Union, the instrument of approval¹.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President

¹ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.