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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Amended proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. The above Agreement is the result of the Commission's mandate (granted by the Council in December 2004) to open negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco on a comprehensive air transport agreement (doc. 15309/04 EU RESTRICTED).
2. On 31 March 2006, the Commission presented to the Council its proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and provisional application of the agreement and on the conclusion, respectively (doc. 8248/06).
3. The Decision on the signature and provisional application of the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Kingdom of Morocco, on the other hand was adopted by the Council on 4 December 2006. The Agreement was signed on 12 December 2006, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

4. 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 29 December 2006¹.
5. The European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement on 12 December 2007.
6. The ratification process was completed by the Member States, with the exception of Bulgaria, Romania and Croatia, in 2014.
7. On 19 February 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council an amended proposal² for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the above Agreement, with a view notably to take into account of the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon.
8. The Aviation Working Party discussed the amended proposal and reached agreement on it at its meeting of 6 December 2016.
9. In the light of that examination, the text of the draft Council Decision³ on the conclusion was prepared by the Council's legal-linguistic service.
10. 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 amended draft decision on conclusion as contained in J/L document 15653/16 as well as the text of the Agreement⁴ to the European Parliament for its consent.

¹ OJ L 386, 29.12.2006, p. 57–88.

² 6755/14.

³ 15653/16.

⁴ 12041/06.