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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2024/…**

**of …**

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 189, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(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[1] (the 'Agreement') was concluded pursuant to Council Decision (EU) 2018/1603[2] and came into force on 1 November 2018.

(2) Article 29 of the Agreement establishes a joint committee, called the 'GNSS EU/ASECNA Committee' ('the Joint Committee'), and provides that the Joint Committee shall establish its rules of procedure including, amongst other provisions, the arrangements for convening meetings, designating the chairperson, defining the latter's mandate and contacts between the parties.

(3) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Joint Committee with regard to the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee, as the decision on their adoption will have legal effects in the Union.

(4) The position of the Union within the Joint Committee should therefore be based on the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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1 OJ L 268, 26.10.2018, p. 3.

2 Council Decision (EU) 2018/1603 of 18 September 2018 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 (OJ L 268, 26.10.2018, p. 1).

*Article 1*

1. The position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the GNSS EU/ASECNA Committee set up by 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 'Joint Committee') as regards the adoption of the Joint Committee's rules of procedure shall be based on the draft Decision attached to this Decision.

2. The representatives of the Union within the Joint Committee may accept that minor changes be made to the draft Decision without the need for a new decision of the Council.

*Article 2*

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

Done at …,

*For the Council*
*The President*