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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

No. prev. doc.: ST 6739/19 + COR1
ST 6756/19

Subject: Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, of the Accession Protocol of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Satellite Navigation System (GNSS) with the Republic of Korea
- Adoption

1. The Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, is the result of the mandate granted to the Commission by the Council in July 2005.
2. Further to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, the Decision concerning the signature of the Cooperation Agreement was adopted by the Council on 1 September 2006. The Cooperation Agreement was signed on 9 September 2006.

3. Subsequently, the Decision on the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement was adopted by the Council on 6 June 2016 and it was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 15 June 2016¹.
4. In order to take into account the accession of Bulgaria, Croatia and Romania to the European Union, the Commission presented a proposal for a Council Decision on the signature and a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the above-mentioned Cooperation Agreement on 4 January 2019.
5. The Council decision² on the signature of the Protocol was adopted by the Council on 18 March 2019, and the Protocol³ was signed on 26 September 2022.
6. The Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks examined the draft Council Decision on the conclusion and agreed on it at its meeting on 13 October 2022.
7. Following the agreement at the Working Party, the Council decided on 24 October 2022 to forward the draft Council Decision on the conclusion, as prepared by the Council's legal-linguistic service (ST 6739/19 + COR 1), together with the text of the Protocol (ST 6756/19) to the European Parliament for its consent.
8. The European Parliament gave its consent on 15 February 2023. The Working Party was informed of the state of play and next steps at its meeting on 16 March 2023.
9. In the light of the above, Coreper is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts the decision on conclusion as contained in ST 6739/19 + COR 1 as well as the text of the Protocol as set out in ST 6756/19 so as to allow the conclusion of the Protocol.

¹ OJ L 157, 15.6.2016, p. 19.

² 6739/19 + COR 1.

³ 6756/19