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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
No. Cion doc.:	ST 6423/15
Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia - Decision to use the Written Procedure for Adoption

1. The Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova was negotiated on the basis of the Council Decision of 16 June 2011 authorising the opening of negotiations.
2. Further to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, the Decision of the Council and of the Representatives of the Member States meeting within the Council concerning the signature and provisional application of the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States and the Republic of Moldova was adopted by the Council on 7 June 2012.

3. The Common Aviation Area Agreement was signed on 26 June 2012, subject to its conclusion at a later date. 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 October 2012¹.
4. In order to take into account the accession of Croatia to the European Union on 1 July 2013, the Commission presented the proposal for the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application, as well as the proposal for the Council Decision on the conclusion, to the Council on 19 February 2015.
5. The Protocol amending the Agreement was signed on 22 July 2015. The Decision on the signature and provisional application of the Protocol amending the Agreement, together with the text of the Protocol, was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 14 August 2015².
6. Further to the examination of the proposal by the Aviation Working party, the text of the above draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol has now been prepared by the Council's the legal-linguistic services, together with the text of the Protocol.
7. On 5 December 2019, the Council forwarded the draft decision on conclusion, as contained in document ST 7048/15, as well as the text of the Protocol as contained in document ST 7047/15, prepared by the legal-linguistic services, to the European Parliament for its consent.
8. The European Parliament gave its consent to the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on 17 June 2020.

¹ OJ L 292, 20.10.2012, p. 1.

² OJ L 215, 14.8.2015, p. 1–5.

9. In view of the above, the Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited:
- to confirm its agreement to the text of the draft Council Decision as contained in document ST 7048/15, prepared by the legal-linguistic services, and
 - to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the Council Decision in all languages, including in Irish.
10. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the Council Decision in all languages, including in Irish, in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and that Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament.
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