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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
No. Cion doc.:	ST 10071/14
Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, 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 with Georgia is the result of the mandate granted to the Commission by the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council on 11 June 2009.
2. Further to the successful conclusion of the negotiations, the Decision of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union, meeting within the Council, on the signature and provisional application of the Common Aviation Area Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, was adopted by the Council on 15 October 2010.
3. The Common Aviation Area Agreement was signed on 2 December 2010, 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 November 2012¹.

¹ OJ L 321, 20.11.2012, p. 1.

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, of the Protocol amending the Agreement to the Council on 13 May 2014.
5. The Protocol amending the Agreement was signed on 26 November 2014. 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 19 December 2014².
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 been prepared by the Council's legal-linguistic services, together with the text of the Protocol.
7. On 27 January 2015, the Council forwarded the draft decision on the conclusion, as contained in document ST 12227/14, as well as the text of the Protocol as contained in document 12226/14, 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 28 April 2016.
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 12227/14, 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 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.

² OJ L 365, 19.12.2014, p. 1.