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# PROTOCOL
# AMENDING THE AGREEMENT
# ON THE INTERNATIONAL OCCASIONAL CARRIAGE
# OF PASSENGERS BY COACH AND BUS (INTERBUS AGREEMENT)
# BY EXTENDING THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCESSION
# TO THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,

Having regard to the Agreement on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus (Interbus Agreement)[1] and its entry into force on 1 January 2003[2],

Having regard to the desire to further develop international passenger transport relations, tourism and cultural exchange beyond those countries currently eligible for accession,

Wishing to open the Interbus Agreement for accession to the Kingdom of Morocco,

Whereas:

(1) The Interbus Agreement is open for accession only to members of the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT) and to certain other European countries as set out in that Agreement.

(2) The Kingdom of Morocco, while having observer status in the ECMT, is not a member thereof nor otherwise entitled to accede to the Interbus Agreement at this stage.

[1] OJ L 321, 26.11.2002, p. 13.
[2] OJ L 321, 26.11.2002, p. 44.

(3) In order to open the Interbus Agreement for accession to the Kingdom of Morocco, the Interbus Agreement should be amended,

HAVE DECIDED to amend the Interbus Agreement accordingly, and

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

AMENDMENT TO THE INTERBUS AGREEMENT

ARTICLE 1

In Article 30 of the Agreement on the international occasional carriage of passengers by coach and bus (Interbus Agreement), paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"This Agreement shall also be open to accession by the Republic of San Marino, the Principality of Andorra, the Principality of Monaco and the Kingdom of Morocco.".

GENERAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 2

This Protocol shall be open for signature by the Contracting Parties to the Interbus Agreement from …to …. .[OJ, please insert the dates: the date of adoption of the Council Decision contained in document ST 9562/18 to a date 9 months thereafter], at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union which shall act as the Depositary of the Protocol.

ARTICLE 3

This Protocol shall be signed, approved or ratified by the signatories in accordance with their own procedures. The instruments of approval or ratification shall be deposited with the Depositary of the Protocol which shall notify all other Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 4

This Protocol shall enter into force for the Contracting Parties that have approved or ratified it on the first day of the third month after at least three Contracting Parties, including the European Union, have deposited their instrument of approval or ratification.

ARTICLE 5

This Protocol, drawn up in the English, French and German languages, each of these texts being equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Depositary which shall transmit a certified true copy to each of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 6

Each Contracting Party shall ensure a proper translation of this Protocol in its official language other than the authentic languages referred to in Article 5. A copy of each of these translations shall be deposited with the Depositary which shall transmit a copy of all such translations to each of the Contracting Parties.

Done at Brussels,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries have signed this Protocol.

Open for signature in Brussels between …and …[OJ, please insert the dates: the date of adoption of the Council Decision contained in document ST 9562/18 and a date 9 months thereafter].

For the European Union

For the Republic of Albania

For Bosnia and Herzegovina

For the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

For the Republic of Moldova

For Montenegro

For the Republic of Turkey

For Ukraine