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## **RECOMMENDATION**

on the draft Council decision on conclusion, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part and the government of the State of Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia (12265/2014 – C8-0102/2015 – 2014/0187(NLE))

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Rapporteur: Francisco Assis

***Symbols for procedures***

- \* Consultation procedure
- \*\*\* Consent procedure
- \*\*\*I Ordinary legislative procedure (first reading)
- \*\*\*II Ordinary legislative procedure (second reading)
- \*\*\*III Ordinary legislative procedure (third reading)

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the draft act.)

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## **DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION**

**on the draft Council decision on conclusion, on behalf of the Union and of its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part and the government of the State of Israel, of the other part, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia**

**(12265/2014 – C8-0102/2015 – 2014/0187(NLE))**

**(Consent)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the draft Council decision (12265/2014),
  - having regard to the Protocol (12264/2014),
  - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 100(2) and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C8-0102/2015),
  - having regard to Rule 99(1), first and third subparagraphs, Rule 99(2), and Rule 108(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A8-0129/2016),
1. Gives its consent to conclusion of the protocol;
  2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the State of Israel.

## **SHORT JUSTIFICATION**

### **Introduction**

The Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union, its Member States and the State of Israel was negotiated on the basis of the Council Decision adopted in April 2008 authorising the opening of negotiations. The Agreement was signed on 10 June 2013<sup>1</sup>.

The Agreement with Israel, a key aviation partner in the Mediterranean region, is an important achievement in the process of establishing a Common Aviation Area between the EU and its Southern and Eastern neighbours. It forms part of the Union's external aviation policy framework established by the Commission.

### **Accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union**

In accordance with the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia<sup>2</sup>, Croatia will accede to the agreements concluded or signed before the accession of Croatia by the EU Member States and the Union with one or more third countries by means of a protocol to those agreements.

Council Decision 13351/12 of 14 September 2012 authorised the Commission to negotiate protocols to amend agreements signed or concluded between the EU, or the EU and its Member States, with third countries, in view of the accession of Croatia to the EU.

On 1 July 2013, the Republic of Croatia acceded to the EU and became its 28<sup>th</sup> Member State.

The Protocol to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia has been negotiated between the Commission and the Israeli Authorities.

### **Main provisions of the Protocol**

The purpose of the Protocol is to allow the Republic of Croatia to become a Party to the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement between the European Union, its Member States and the State of Israel (Article 1) and to provide for the necessary ensuing linguistic adaptations (Article 2). The Protocol will not introduce any changes to the substance of the Euro-Mediterranean Aviation Agreement.

### **Procedure**

The Protocol was signed on 19 February 2015. To conclude the Protocol, the Council needs the consent of the European Parliament. In accordance with Rules 99 and 108(7) of its Rules of Procedure the Parliament shall take a decision by means of a single vote, and no amendments to the agreement itself may be tabled. Only amendments aiming at reversing the recommendation as proposed by the rapporteur are admissible.

On the basis of the above-mentioned your Rapporteur suggests that the TRAN committee should give a favourable opinion on the conclusion of this Protocol.

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<sup>1</sup> The text of the Agreement is published in OJ L 208, 2.8.2013, p.3.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L112, 24.04.2012, p.21.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

<b>Date adopted</b>	7.4.2016
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 46 -: 1 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Daniela Aiuto, Lucy Anderson, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Deirdre Clune, Michael Cramer, Andor Deli, Karima Delli, Ismail Ertug, Jacqueline Foster, Tania González Peñas, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Merja Kyllönen, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Peter Lundgren, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Gesine Meissner, Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar, Jens Nilsson, Markus Pieper, Salvatore Domenico Pogliese, Gabriele Preuß, Christine Revault D'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Dominique Riquet, Massimiliano Salini, David-Maria Sassoli, Claudia Tapardel, Keith Taylor, Pavel Telička, István Ujhelyi, Peter van Dalen, Wim van de Camp, Janusz Zemke, Roberts Zile, Kosma Zlotowski
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Ivo Belet, Kateřina Konečná, Werner Kuhn, Massimo Paolucci, Marek Plura, Herbert Reul
<b>Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote</b>	Edward Czesak, Sven Schulze, Marc Tarabella, Isabelle Thomas