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RECOMMENDATION

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia (12256/2014 – C8-0080/2017 – 2014/0023(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 the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, of a Protocol amending the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia
(12256/2014 – C8-0080/2017 – 2014/0023(NLE))**

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (12256/2014),
 - having regard to the draft Protocol amending the Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia (12255/2014),
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Articles 100(2) and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C8-0080/2017),
 - having regard to Rule 99(1) and (4) and Rule 108(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A8-0256/2018),
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 Canada.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Introduction

The EU-Canada Air Transport Agreement was initialled on 30 November 2008, endorsed by the EU-Canada summit on 6 May 2009, signed on 17-18 December 2009; subject to its conclusion at a later date in accordance with Decision 2010/417/EC¹ of the Council and the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Union meeting within the Council. The Agreement is a comprehensive air transport agreement that includes a gradual phasing-in of traffic rights and investment opportunities, as well as a far reaching cooperation on a number of issues including safety, security, social matters, consumer interests, environment, air traffic management, state aids and competition.

Accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

In accordance with the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia², 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 28th 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 Authorities of Canada.

Main provisions of the Protocol

The purpose of the Protocol is to allow the Republic of Croatia to become a Party to the Agreement on Air transport between Canada the European Community and its Member States (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 EU-Canada Agreement.

Procedure

The Protocol was signed on 27 January 2017. 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.

¹ OJ L207, 6.8.2010, p.30.

² OJ L112, 24.04.2012, p.21.

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Agreement on Air Transport between Canada and the European Community and its Member States, to take account of the accession to the European Union of the Republic of Croatia						
References	12256/2014 – C8-0080/2017 – 2014/0023(NLE)						
Date of consultation / request for consent	23.2.2017						
Committee responsible Date announced in plenary	TRAN 1.3.2017						
Rapporteurs Date appointed	Francisco Assis 18.11.2014						
Date adopted	10.7.2018						
Result of final vote	<table> <tr> <td>+: </td><td>40</td></tr> <tr> <td>–: </td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>0: </td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	+:	40	–:	0	0:	0
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Members present for the final vote	Daniela Aiuto, Lucy Anderson, Marie-Christine Arnautu, Georges Bach, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Deirdre Clune, Michael Cramer, Luis de Grandes Pascual, Andor Deli, Karima Delli, Isabella De Monte, Ismail Ertug, Jacqueline Foster, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Merja Kyllönen, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Bogusław Liberadzki, Peter Lundgren, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Georg Mayer, Gesine Meissner, Markus Pieper, Gabriele Preuß, Christine Revault d’Allonnes Bonnefoy, Dominique Riquet, Claudia Schmidt, Keith Taylor, Pavel Telička, Peter van Dalen, Wim van de Camp, Marie-Pierre Vieu, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Janusz Zemke, Roberts Zīle, Kosma Złotowski, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska						
Substitutes present for the final vote	Maria Grapini, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Werner Kuhn						
Substitutes under Rule 200(2) present for the final vote	Anna Hedh						
Date tabled	12.7.2018						

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ALDE	Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Gesine Meissner, Dominique Riquet, Pavel Telička
ECR	Jacqueline Foster, Peter Lundgren, Roberts Zile, Kosma Zlotowski, Peter van Dalen
EFDD	Daniela Aiuto
ENF	Marie-Christine Arnautu, Georg Mayer
GUE/NGL	Merja Kyllönen, Marie-Pierre Vieu
PPE	Georges Bach, Deirdre Clune, Andor Deli, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Werner Kuhn, Elżbieta Katarzyna Łukacijewska, Marian-Jean Marinescu, Markus Pieper, Claudia Schmidt, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Luis de Grandes Pascual, Wim van de Camp
S&D	Lucy Anderson, Isabella De Monte, Ismail Ertug, Maria Grapini, Karoline Graswander-Hainz, Anna Hedh, Miltiadis Kyrkos, Bogusław Liberadzki, Gabriele Preuß, Christine Revault d'Allonnes Bonnefoy, Janusz Zemke
VERTS/ALE	Michael Cramer, Karima Delli, Keith Taylor

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