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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services • Agreement in principle • Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. On behalf of the European Union, the Commission negotiated an Agreement with the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services (hereinafter "the Agreement") under the horizontal authorisation, granted by the Council on 5 June 2003, authorising the Commission to open negotiations with third countries on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements with an agreement at Union level.

2. On 7 September 2015, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement and a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement.[1]

3. On 14 December 2015, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement.

[1] ST 11854/15 and ST 11791/15.

4. Following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and the expiry of the transition period on 31 December 2020, the references to the United Kingdom were removed from the text of the Agreement before its signing. Bangladesh had agreed to the removal of those references. On 18 September 2023, the Council took note of the intention to present for signing a text which differed from the text approved by the Council insofar as the references to the UK were concerned.[2]

5. The Agreement was signed on 7 June 2024 and was published together with the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.[3]

6. At an informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on Aviation on 8 July 2024, delegations examined a Presidency compromise of the draft Decision on the conclusion.[4] Delegations made no comments.

7. In preparation of the conclusion of the Agreement, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council, at one of its upcoming meetings, agrees in principle on the draft decision on the conclusion, as contained in document ST 10844/24 revised by the lawyer-linguists, and to forward the draft decision to the European Parliament for its consent.

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[2] ST 12856/23
[3] OJ L, 2024/1698, 26.6.2024, and OJ L, 2024/1699, 26.6.2024.
[4] ST 10846/24