





Basic information	
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Key players				
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Transport and Tourism		COSTA Paolo (ALDE)	10/04/2007
Council of the European Union	Council configuration		Meetings	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries		2952	2009-06-22
	Environment		2826	2007-10-30
European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
	Energy and Transport		BARROT Jacques	

Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
23/03/2007	Legislative proposal published	COM(2007)0134 	Summary
15/01/2008	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
26/02/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
27/02/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0043/2008	
11/03/2008	Decision by Parliament	T6-0074/2008	Summary
11/03/2008	Results of vote in Parliament		
22/06/2009	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
22/06/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/07/2009	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2007/0052(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Nature of procedure	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 080-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	TRAN/6/47815

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE396.764	09/01/2008	
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European Commission				
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European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Decision 2009/0511 OJ L 173 03.07.2009, p. 0005	Summary

EC/United Arab Emirates agreement: air services

2007/0052(CNS) - 11/03/2008 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 588 votes to 11 with 14 abstentions, a legislative resolution under the consultation procedure, approving the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Arab Emirates on certain aspects of air services.

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Paolo **COSTA** (ALDE, IT) on behalf of the Committee on Transport and Tourism.

EC/United Arab Emirates agreement: air services

2007/0052(CNS) - 23/03/2007 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: i) to sign a provisional application of an Agreement between the Community and the United Arab Emirates on certain aspects of air services and ii) to conclude the Agreement.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: since 2003, when the European Court of Justice delivered the "Open Skies" cases, the Commission had been granted a mandate by the Council to open negotiations with third countries to replace certain provisions in existing bi-lateral agreements; the latter being contrary to basic EU law. The objective of the new agreements is to give all EU air carriers non-discriminatory access to routes between the Community and third countries and to bring bilateral air service agreements between Member States and third countries in line with Community law.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal is to sign and conclude such an agreement on certain aspects of air services between the Community and the United Arab Emirates. In summary, the Agreement negotiated by the Commission:

- replaces the traditional designation clauses with a Community designation clause. This permits all Community carriers to benefit from the right of establishment;
- addresses the issue of safety, within the context of Community designations;
- addresses the matter of aviation fuel taxation (a matter which has been harmonised by Council Directive 2003/96/EC);
- resolves conflicts between the existing bilateral air services agreements and Council Regulation (EC) No 2409/92 on fares and rates for air services which prohibits third country carriers from being price leaders on air services for carriage wholly within the Community; and
- resolves potential conflicts with EC competition rules.

In accordance with the standard procedure for the signature and conclusion of international agreements, therefore, the Council is asked to approve the proposed Decisions.

EC/United Arab Emirates agreement: air services

2007/0052(CNS) - 22/06/2009 - Final act

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement between the European Union and the United Arab Emirates on certain aspects of air services.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2009/511/EC.

CONTENT: the Council authorised the Commission on 5 June 2003 to open negotiations with third countries on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements with a Community agreement. On behalf of the Community, the Commission negotiated an Agreement with the United Arab Emirates on certain aspects of air services in accordance with the mechanisms and directives in the Annex to the Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations with third countries on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral agreements with a Community agreement.

The Agreement was signed on behalf of the Community on 30 November 2007 subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The Council adopted the decision approving the conclusion of the agreement on certain aspects of air services with the United Arab Emirates.

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