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(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/750

of 28 March 2023

on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the European Union

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 172, in conjunction with point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph of Article 218(6) thereof,

Having regard to the Acts of Accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania (¹) and of the Republic of Croatia (²), and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament (³),

Whereas:

- (1) The Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part (⁴) (the 'Agreement') was signed on 9 September 2006 (⁵) and entered into force on 1 July 2016 (⁶).
- (2) Bulgaria and Romania became Member States of the Union on 1 January 2007 and Croatia on 1 July 2013.
- (3) In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Acts of Accession of Bulgaria and Romania and of Croatia, accession to the Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to that Agreement (the 'Protocol'). In accordance with Article 6(2) of those Acts of Accession, a simplified procedure is to apply to such accession, whereby a protocol is to be concluded by the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and by the third country concerned.

(¹) Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded (OJ L 157, 21.6.2005, p. 203).

(²) Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Republic of Croatia and the adjustments to the Treaty on European Union, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community (OJ L 112, 24.4.2012, p. 21).

(³) Consent of 15 February 2023 (not yet published in the Official Journal).

(⁴) OJ L 288, 19.10.2006, p. 31.

(⁵) Council Decision 2006/700/EC of 1 September 2006 on the signing, on behalf of the Community, of the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part (OJ L 288, 19.10.2006, p. 30).

(⁶) Council Decision (EU) 2016/944 of 6 June 2016 on the conclusion of the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part (OJ L 157, 15.6.2016, p. 19).

- (4) On 23 October 2006 and on 14 September 2012 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third country concerned in order to conclude protocols to international agreements concluded by the Union and its Member States.
- (5) The negotiations with the Republic of Korea were successfully concluded by exchange of *notes verbales*.
- (6) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2019/1934 (7), the Protocol was signed on 26 September 2022, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (7) The Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union is the depositary of this Protocol.
- (8) The Protocol should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, give the notification provided for in Article 4 of the Protocol.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 28 March 2023.

For the Council
The President
E. BUSCH

(7) Council Decision (EU) 2019/1934 of 18 March 2019 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to the Cooperation Agreement on a Civil Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Korea, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia and Romania to the European Union (OJ L 301, 22.11.2019, p. 1).