

COUNCIL DECISION**of 30 March 2009****on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the West African Economic and Monetary Union on certain aspects of air services**

(2010/144/EC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 80(2) in conjunction with the first sentence of the first subparagraph of Article 300(2) thereof,

The signature of the Agreement between the European Community and the West African Economic and Monetary Union on certain aspects of air services is hereby approved on behalf of the Community, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

Whereas:

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Community subject to its conclusion at a later date.

Article 3

(1) On 5 June 2003, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with third countries on the replacement of certain provisions in existing bilateral Agreements with a Community agreement.

Pending its entry into force, the Agreement shall be applied provisionally from the first day of the first month following the date on which the parties have notified each other of the completion of the necessary procedures for this purpose.

Article 4

(2) On behalf of the Community, the Commission has negotiated an Agreement with the West African Economic and Monetary Union 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 President of the Council is hereby authorised to make the notification provided for in Article 9(2) of the Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 30 March 2009.

(3) Subject to its possible conclusion at a later date, the Agreement should be signed and provisionally applied,

For the Council

The President

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