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RECOMMENDATION

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services

(10844/2024 – C10-0111/2024 – 2015/0188(NLE))

Committee on Transport and Tourism

Rapporteur: Tomas Tobé

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 of the Agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services (10844/2024 – C10-0111/2024 – 2015/0188(NLE))

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (10844/2024),
 - having regard to the draft Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services (12911/2015),
 - 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)(v), and Article 218(7), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C10-0111/2024),
 - having regard to Rule 107(1) and (4), and Rule 117(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Transport and Tourism (A10-0005/2025),
1. Gives its consent to the conclusion of the agreement;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The EU- People's Republic of Bangladesh Agreement

Negotiations on an EU Horizontal Aviation Agreement were initiated in March 2007 and a draft agreement was initialled in December 2013, with the aim of restoring legal certainty to the bilateral air services agreements between the People's Republic of Bangladesh and 8 EU Member States. The Council adopted its Decision on signature of the agreement in December 2015. However, following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union and the expiry of the transition period on 31 December 2020, it was necessary to remove the references to the United Kingdom from the text of the Agreement before its formal signature. Bangladesh 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.

On Friday 7 June 2024, the European Union and Bangladesh signed the "Agreement between the European Union and the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services". Subject to the availability of traffic rights in the respective bilateral air services agreements, this EU agreement will allow any EU airline to fly between Bangladesh and the seven concerned EU Member States whose bilateral air services agreements with Bangladesh do not already allow this (Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, France and Slovakia).

Pending the entry into force of the horizontal agreement, the bilateral air services agreements which it covers only authorise airlines owned and controlled by the signatory Member State or Bangladesh or their nationals to operate flights between that Member States and Bangladesh.

Procedure

On Friday 6 September 2024, the ambassadors of the Member States to the EU (Coreper) approved the conclusion of the horizontal aviation agreement between the European Union and Bangladesh.

In accordance with Rule 107(1) and (4), and Rule 117(7) of Parliament's rules of procedure, the committee responsible (TRAN) shall submit a recommendation for the approval or rejection of the proposed act. Parliament shall then take a decision by means of a single vote, and no amendments to the Agreement may be tabled. Amendments in committee shall be admissible only if their aim is to reverse the recommendation proposed by the rapporteur.

Rapporteur's position

By granting all EU air carriers non-discriminatory access to routes between the EU and Bangladesh, this agreement promotes competition on air routes between the EU and an important EU partner from Asia and will, consequently, improve connectivity.

Standard EU clauses on aviation safety, aviation fuel taxation and compatibility with competition rules are included in the agreement, to ensure compatibility of the bilateral air services agreements with EU policies and standards.

Based on all the above mentioned, the rapporteur recommends that the Committee on Transport and Tourism give its approval for the conclusion of this agreement.

**ANNEX: ENTITIES OR PERSONS
FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT**

Pursuant to Article 8 of Annex I to the Rules of Procedure, the rapporteur declares that he received input from the following entities or persons in the preparation of the report, prior to the adoption thereof in committee:

Entity and/or person
Simon Brain, DG Move

The list above is drawn up under the exclusive responsibility of the rapporteur.

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PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

Title	Conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and the government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on certain aspects of air services
References	10844/2024 – C10-0111/2024 – 2015/0188(NLE)
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Committee(s) responsible	TRAN
Rapporteurs Date appointed	Tomas Tobé 15.10.2024
Date adopted	29.1.2025
Result of final vote	+: 41 –: 2 0: 0
Members present for the final vote	Oihane Agirregoitia Martínez, Daniel Attard, Tom Berendsen, Rachel Blom, Nikolina Brnjac, Nina Carberry, Benoit Cassart, Carlo Ciccioioli, Anna Maria Cisint, Vivien Costanzo, Johan Danielsson, Valérie Devaux, Siegbert Frank Droese, Gheorghe Falcă, Jens Gieseke, Borja Giménez Larraz, Sérgio Gonçalves, Roman Haider, Sérgio Humberto, Dariusz Joński, François Kalfon, Martine Kemp, Sophia Kircher, Elena Kountoura, Luis-Vicențiu Lazarus, Julien Leonardelli, Vicent Marzà Ibáñez, Alexandra Mehnert, Ștefan Mușoiu, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Philippe Olivier, Matteo Ricci, Rosa Serrano Sierra, Stanislav Stoyanov, Kai Tegethoff, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi, Kosma Złotowski
Substitutes present for the final vote	Alberico Gambino, Jutta Paulus, Dario Tamburrano, Kris Van Dijck, Ana Vasconcelos
Members under Rule 216(7) present for the final vote	Elisabeth Grossmann
Date tabled	30.1.2025

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL BY THE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE

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ECR	Carlo Ciccioli, Alberico Gambino, Kris Van Dijck, Kosma Złotowski
NI	Luis-Vicențiu Lazarus
PPE	Tom Berendsen, Nikolina Brnjac, Nina Carberry, Gheorghe Falcă, Jens Gieseke, Borja Giménez Larraz, Sérgio Humberto, Dariusz Joński, Martine Kemp, Sophia Kircher, Alexandra Mehnert, Elissavet Vozemberg-Vrionidi
PfE	Rachel Blom, Anna Maria Cisint, Roman Haider, Julien Leonardelli, Philippe Olivier
Renew	Oihane Agirregoitia Martínez, Benoit Cassart, Valérie Devaux, Jan-Christoph Oetjen, Ana Vasconcelos
S&D	Daniel Attard, Vivien Costanzo, Johan Danielsson, Sérgio Gonçalves, Elisabeth Grossmann, François Kalfon, Ștefan Mușoiu, Matteo Ricci, Rosa Serrano Sierra
The Left	Elena Kountoura, Dario Tamburrano
Verts/ALE	Vicent Marzà Ibáñez, Jutta Paulus, Kai Tegethoff

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ESN	Siegbert Frank Droese, Stanislav Stoyanov

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Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention