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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 Article 218(5) 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,

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[(3)] (the 'Agreement') was signed on 9 September 2006[(4)] and entered into force on 1 July 2016[(5)].

(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.

(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*.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/1934. (See end of Document for details)*

(6) The Protocol should be signed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Protocol on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 18 March 2019.

For the Council

The President

P. DAEA