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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of a protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union

- Adoption

1. On 12 November 2009, the Commission submitted to the Council two proposals for Council Decisions on the signing and provisional application¹ and on the conclusion² of a protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union.
2. At the meeting of the "Mashraq/Maghreb" Working Party on 29 May 2012, all delegations agreed to the proposals in question.

¹ doc. 17301/09 TU 7.

² doc. 17302/09 TU 8.

3. On 24 September 2012, the Council adopted the Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Protocol³, as set out in doc. 10637/12 TU 4 OC 272, and the Protocol itself⁴, as set out in doc. 10639/12 TU 5 OC 273 as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic experts and decided to request the consent of the European Parliament, following the signature, on the basis of the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol, as set out in doc. 10641/12 TU 6 OC 274, and of the Protocol itself, as set out in doc. 10639/12 TU 5 OC 273 as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic experts.
4. The Protocol was signed on 14 April 2014 and on 29 April 2014 the Council transmitted to the European Parliament the request for its consent on the basis of the existing linguistic versions of the Council Decision on conclusion, as set out in doc. 10641/12 TU 6 OC 274. The Croatian language version of the above mentioned document was approved by the Council on 22 July 2014 and was sent to the European Parliament on 24 July 2014.
5. On 15 January 2015, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.
6. It is therefore suggested that the Council, subject to confirmation by COREPER:
 - adopt under part "A" at one of its forthcoming meetings, the Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Bulgaria and Romania to the European Union as set out in doc 10641/12 TU 6 OC 274, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts.
 - order publication of the aforementioned Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.

³ OJ L 296/14.10.2014, p.1-2.

⁴ OJ L 296/14.10.2014, p. 3-12.