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THE EUROPEAN UNION
AND LEBANON**

The Association Council

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COUNCIL agreeing on EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities

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**DECISION No 1/2016
OF THE EU-LEBANON ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**

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agreeing on EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities

THE EU-LEBANON ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part,

Whereas:

- (1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part (the 'Agreement') was signed on 17 June 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006.
- (2) Article 76 of the Agreement gives the Association Council the power to take decisions for the purposes of attaining the objectives of the Agreement in the cases provided for therein and to make appropriate recommendations.
- (3) Article 86 of the Agreement states that the Parties are to take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under the Agreement and are to ensure that the objectives set out in the Agreement are attained.
- (4) The second EU-Lebanon Action Plan, which was agreed in 2013 with the objective of furthering cooperation in the areas identified in the Agreement, came to an end in 2015 and has not been renewed.

- (5) The Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy in 2016 proposed a new phase of engagement with partners, allowing for a greater sense of ownership by both sides.
- (6) The EU and Lebanon have agreed to consolidate their partnership by agreeing on a set of priorities for the period 2016–2020, with the aim of supporting and strengthening Lebanon’s resilience and stability while seeking to address the impact of the protracted conflict in Syria.
- (7) The Parties to the Agreement have agreed on the text of the EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities, including the Compact, which will support the implementation of the Agreement, focusing on cooperation in relation to a set of commonly identified shared interests, which will be given priority,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Association Council recommends that the Parties implement the EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities, including the Compact, which are set out in the Annex to this Decision*.

Article 2

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

Done at ...,

For the EU-Lebanon

Association Council

The President

* ST 12386/16 ADD 1, p. 4.