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from: General Secretariat

to: COREPER/Council

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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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the general principles for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Union programmes  
– Adoption

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1. On 15 May 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council two Proposals for Council Decisions on the signing<sup>1</sup> and on the conclusion<sup>2</sup> 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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the general principles for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Union programmes.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 10154/12 RHJ 2 MED 26 PESC 613.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 10160/12 RHJ 3 MED 27 PESC 614.

2. The "Mashraq/Maghreb" Working Party agreed on 2 July 2012 the texts of the draft Council Decisions on the signing and on the conclusion of this Protocol, as set out in docs. 12134/12 RHJ 5 MED 42 PESC 853 OC 371 and 12138/12 RHJ 7 MED 44 PESC 855 OC 377, respectively.
3. On 23 July 2012, the Council authorised the signing<sup>1</sup> of the Protocol. The Protocol was signed on 19 December 2012.
4. On 8 January 2013, the Council sent the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol, together with the text of the Protocol, as contained in document 12135/12 RHJ 6 MED 43 PESC 854 OC 376, to the European Parliament in order to obtain its consent.
5. On 10 October 2013, the European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.
6. It is therefore proposed that the Council, subject to confirmation by COREPER:
  - a) adopt under part "A" at one of its forthcoming meetings, the 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 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on the general principles for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Union programmes as set out in doc. 12138/12 RHJ 7 MED 44 PESC 855 OC 377, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts.
  - b) order publication of the aforementioned Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 12134/12 RHJ 5 MED 42 PESC 853 OC 371, OJ L 117/27.4.2013, p. 1.