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EU-Iraq partnership and cooperation agreement

The Council authorised the signing of a partnership and cooperation agreement with Iraq.

This agreement will mark the first ever contractual relation between the EU and Iraq and provides a legal framework covering issues from regular political dialogue to trade relations and regulatory cooperation, and development assistance. The Agreement underlines the EU's determination to play a significant role in Iraq's transition and will be the main vehicle for the EU's support to Iraq and further enhancement of EU-Iraq relations.

Pending the completion of procedures for its entry into force, certain provisions of the agreement will be applied provisionally.

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