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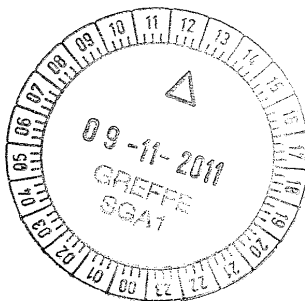
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RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL

**to authorise the Commission to negotiate an international agreement on the EU-LAC
Foundation**

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ANNEX 2

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**Council Decision to authorise the opening of negotiations for an international agreement
on creation of the EU-LAC Foundation as an international organisation**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 218(3) and (4),

Having regard to the Recommendation from the European Commission,

WHEREAS negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an international agreement on the creation of an EU-LAC Foundation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The opening of negotiations for an international agreement on the creation of an EU-LAC Foundation between the European Union and Latin American and the Caribbean countries is hereby authorised.

Article 2

The Commission is nominated as the Union's negotiator.

Article 3

The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives set out in Annex to this Decision.

Article 4

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Latin America Working Group (COLAT/AMLAT).

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

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