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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: COREPER/Council

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Subject: **Relations with Jordan**

Approval of the position to be adopted by the European Union and its Member States within the Association Council established by 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, with regard to the adoption of a Recommendation on the implementation of the EU-Jordan ENP Action Plan

COMMON GUIDELINES

Consultation deadline: 20 March 2012

1. On 19 April 2011, the Commission submitted a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted by the European Union and its Member States within the Association Council established by 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, with regard to the adoption of a Recommendation on the implementation of the EU-Jordan ENP Action Plan (doc. 9891/11 RHJ 7).

2. At its meetings on 6 and 16 February 2012, the "Mashraq/Maghreb" Working Party examined the proposal and agreed the position to be adopted by the European Union and its Member States within the EU-Jordan Association Council with regard to the adoption of a Recommendation on the implementation of this Action Plan, as set out in Annexes I and II of this document.
3. The Commission has requested for a Declaration to be entered into the Council minutes, as set out in ADD 1 to this document.
4. Accordingly, it is recommended that COREPER invites the Council, at a forthcoming meeting under "A" items on its agenda, to:
 - approve the draft Conclusions, as set out in Annex I to this document;
 - agree that the EU-Jordan Association Council adopt the Recommendation on the implementation of the EU-Jordan Action Plan, as set out in doc. UE-RHJ 3301/12, as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic Experts;
 - decide on the publication of the Association Council Recommendation in the Official Journal following adoption by the Association Council.
5. The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council are invited to approve the draft conclusions, as set out in Annex II to this document.

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Draft Conclusions concerning the EU-Jordan ENP Action Plan

The Council of the European Union approves the position to be adopted by the European Union within the Association Council established by 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, with regard to the implementation of the EU-Jordan Action Plan based on the draft Recommendation of the Association Council as set out in doc. EU-RHJ 3301/12.

Draft Conclusions concerning the EU-Jordan ENP Action Plan

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council approve the position to be adopted by the Member States of the European Union within the Association Council established by 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, with regard to the implementation of the EU-Jordan Action Plan based on the draft Recommendation of the Association Council as set out in doc. EU-RHJ 3301/12.