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from: General Secretariat of the Council

on: 28 March 2012

to: COREPER/Council

No. Cion prop.: 5064/12 ISR 1 AGRI 6 PECHE 5 UD 3 WTO 4 MED 1 COMER 1 TDC 1

Subject: **Relations with Israel**

- Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, amending the Annexes to Protocols 1 and 2 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part

Common Guidelines

Consulting deadline: 13/4/2012

1. On 21 December 2011, the Commission submitted the above proposal to the Council.
2. At the meeting of the "Mashraq/Maghreb" Working Party of 28 February 2012, all delegations agreed to the proposal in question.

3. Consequently, and subject to confirmation by COREPER, it is suggested that the Council, as an "A" item:
- adopts the draft Council Decision on the signature of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, as set out in doc. 7372/12 ISR 3 AGRI 130 PECHE 75 UD 63 WTO 84 MED 14 COMER 50 TDC 3 OC 119, and the Agreement itself, as set in doc. 7470/12 ISR 5 AGRI 134 PECHE 78 UD 68 WTO 92 MED 16 COMER 55 TDC 5 OC 124 after their finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts;
 - decides to request the consent of the European Parliament, following the signature, on the basis of the draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as set out in doc. 7433/12 ISR 4 AGRI 132 PECHE 76 UD 65 WTO 87 MED 15 COMER 52 TDC 4 OC 121, and of the Agreement, as set out in doc. 7470/11 ISR 5 AGRI 134 PECHE 78 UD 68 WTO 92 MED 16 COMER 55 TDC 5 OC 124 after their finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts.

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