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Subject: DECISION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL authorising the European Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions of a Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part, that fall within the competences of the Member States

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THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING
WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

WHEREAS the European Commission, which can be assisted for this purpose by the Presidency of
the Council, should be authorised to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions of a
Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and
New Zealand, of the other part, that fall within the competences of the Member States,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States hereby authorise the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions of a Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and New Zealand, of the other part, that fall within the competences of the Member States.

A representative of the Presidency of the Council will accompany the Commission in the negotiations for matters falling within the competences of the Member States.

2. Paragraph 1 shall be without prejudice to future decisions of the Member States relating to the designation of their representative on matters falling within their competences.
3. The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis, where applicable, of the negotiating directives adopted by the Council.

Article 2

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Council Working Party on Asia-Oceania, which, as regards areas that fall within the competences of the Member States, shall be briefed on proposed negotiating directives in advance of each set of negotiations, and shall be reported to on the progress of negotiations after each meeting.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at

*For the representatives of
the governments of the Member States
The President*
