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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a Partnership and
Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of
the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part
- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

COMMON GUIDELINES

Consultation deadline: 27 June 2012

1. On 8 November 2010, the Commission presented to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of certain provisions of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Iraq, of the other part.

On the same date, the Commission presented to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision concluding this Agreement.¹

2. On 21 December 2011, the Council adopted a decision on the signing and provisional application of the Agreement². The Agreement was signed with Iraq on 11 May 2012.
3. On 21 June 2012, the Working Group "Middle East/Gulf" examined the proposal for a Council Decision concluding this Agreement and agreed to forward a draft Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as well as the text of the Agreement to the European Parliament in order to obtain consent.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore requested to invite the Council, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, to decide to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, as set out, following finalisation by the Legal/Linguistic experts in document 10209/12 COMEM 175 WTO 198 COHOM 111 COTER 55 ENER 184 JAI 349 EDUC 117 ENV 381 CULT 85 TRANS 171 CONOP 90 CODUN 26 OC 234, as well as the text of the Agreement as already contained in document 5784/2/11 REV 2 COMEM 17 WTO 23 COHOM 22 COTER 10 ENER 10 JAI 53 EDUC 15 ENV 51 CULT 5 TRANS 24 CONOP 2 CODUN 1 and the rectificatif contained in SN 1990/12, to the European Parliament for consent.

¹ Doc. 16179/10 + COR 1

² Doc. 13639/11