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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/...

of ...

**on the position to be taken
on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council
set up 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,
as regards the adoption of EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities, including the Compact**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 217 in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) 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 part¹ (the 'Agreement') was signed on 24 November 1997 and entered into force on 1 May 2002.
- (2) A Joint Communication by the High Representative and by the European Commission of 18 November 2015 on the Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy has been welcomed by the Council Conclusions of 14 December 2015, where, inter alia, the Council confirmed the intention to start a new phase of engagement with partners in 2016 which could lead to the setting of new partnership priorities, where appropriate, focused on agreed priorities and interests.
- (3) The shared goal of the Union and Jordan for a common area of peace, prosperity and stability necessitates working together, particularly through co-ownership and differentiation, and taking account of Jordan's key role in the region.

¹ 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 (OJ L 129, 15.5.2002, p. 3).

- (4) While addressing the most urgent challenges, the Union and Jordan continue to pursue the core objectives of their long-term partnership and to enhance the stability and resilience of the country and the region as well as sustained and knowledge-based economic growth and social development in accordance with the rule of law and based on democratic governance.
- (5) The position of the Union within the Association Council set up by the Agreement should therefore be based on the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council set up 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, as regards the adoption of EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities, including the Compact, shall be based on the draft Decision of the EU-Jordan Association Council attached to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President

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DECISION No 1/2016 OF THE 12th EU-JORDAN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

of ...

agreeing on EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities

THE EU-JORDAN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to 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,

Whereas:

- (1) 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 (the 'Agreement') was signed on 24 November 1997 and entered into force on 1 May 2002.
- (2) Article 91 of the Agreement gives the Association Council the power to take decisions for the purposes of attaining the objectives of the Agreement and to make appropriate recommendations.
- (3) Article 101 of the Agreement states that the Parties are to take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under the Agreement and are to see to it that the objectives set out in the Agreement are attained.
- (4) The Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy proposed a new phase of engagement with partners, allowing for a greater sense of ownership by both sides.

- (5) The EU and Jordan have agreed to consolidate their partnership by agreeing on a set of priorities for the period 2016–2018, with the aim of supporting and strengthening Jordan's resilience and stability while seeking to address the impact of the protracted conflict in Syria.
- (6) The Parties to the Agreement have agreed on the text of the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities, including the Compact, which will support the implementation of the Agreement, focusing on cooperation in relation to commonly identified shared interests,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Association Council recommends that the Parties implement the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities, including the Compact, which are set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

The Association Council decides that the EU-Jordan Action Plan, which entered into force in October 2012, is replaced by the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities, including the Compact.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

*For the EU-Jordan Association Council
The President*
