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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 open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions that fall within the competences of the Member States of a Comprehensive Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part

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OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES,  
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of ...

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the European Union and its Member States, of the one part,  
and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part**

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

Whereas the Commission should be authorised to open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions that fall within the competences of the Member States of a Comprehensive Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part, to replace the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the other part<sup>1</sup>,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 246, 17.9.1999, p. 3.

### *Article 1*

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States hereby authorise the Commission to open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions that fall within the competences of the Member States of a Comprehensive Agreement between the Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part.

### *Article 2*

Article 1 is without prejudice to future decisions of the Member States relating to the designation of their representatives on matters falling within their competences.

### *Article 3*

The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis, where applicable, of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the addendum to Council Decision of ...<sup>1\*</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision of ... authorising the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations on and negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, the provisions that fall within the competence of the Union of a Comprehensive Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, of the other part (OJ ... .., .., ..).

\* OJ: please add the adoption date of the Council Decision in st13307/16 in the text, and supplement the respective footnote.

*Article 4*

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council Working Party on Eastern Europe and Central Asia and, for trade-related matters, within the Trade Policy Committee.

*Article 5*

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ...,

*For the Representatives of the  
Governments of the Member States  
The President*

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