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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/...

of ...

**on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union,
of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between
the European Union and its Member States, of the one part,
and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 31(1) and Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 207 and 209, in conjunction with point (a) of the second subparagraph of Article 218(6) and the second subparagraph of Article 218(8) thereof,

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

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

¹ OJ C

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Council Decision (EU) 2016/...¹⁺, the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part ('the Agreement') was signed on ...[*date of signature of the Agreement (ST 12504/2016)*], subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The Union and the Republic of Cuba are committed to consolidating and strengthening their relations in the areas of political dialogue, cooperation and trade on the basis of mutual respect, reciprocity, common interest and respect for the sovereignty of the Parties.
- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2016/... of ... on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part (OJ L ...).

⁺ OJ: Please insert the serial number of doc. ST 12501/16 and complete the corresponding footnote reference.

Article 1

The Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Cuba, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union¹⁺.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 86(3) of the Agreement².

Article 3

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

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President

¹ The Agreement has been published in OJ L ..., ..., p. ..., together with the decision on signing.

⁺ OJ: Please complete the OJ reference for the Agreement (ST 12504/16) in the footnote.

² The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.