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#### **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/...**

**of ...**

**on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union,  
of the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development  
between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part,  
and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular 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 Article 218(6)(a) and the second subparagraph of Article 218(8) thereof,

Having regard to the joint 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 Parliament,<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C ...

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) .../...<sup>1\*</sup>, the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part ('the Agreement') was signed on ..., subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The Union and its Member States and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan are committed to pursuing and extending their cooperation, to strengthening existing links and to establishing a close and lasting relationship based on reciprocity and mutual interests.
- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2016/... of ... on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part (OJ L ...).

\* OJ: please insert in recital 1 the number of the Decision in document st 12965/16 and the date of signature of the Agreement in document st 12966/16, and in footnote 1 the number, date and OJ reference of that Decision.

### *Article 1*

The Cooperation Agreement on Partnership and Development between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.<sup>1</sup>

### *Article 2*

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 59(1) of the Agreement.<sup>2</sup>

### *Article 3*

The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy shall chair the Joint Committee established under Article 49 of the Agreement.

The Union or, as the case may be, the Union and its Member States shall be represented in the Joint Committee depending on the subject matter.

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<sup>1</sup> The Agreement has been published in OJ L ... together with the decision on signature.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

*Article 4*

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

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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