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Proposal for a Council Decision

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Draft DECISION No 1/201

**OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL CONVENTION ON PAN-
EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PREFERENTIAL RULES OF ORIGIN**

of xx xx 2017

**as regards the request of Ukraine to become a Contracting Party to the Regional
Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin**

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin¹,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5(1) of the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin ("the Convention") provides that a third party may become a Contracting Party to the Convention provided that the candidate country or territory has a free trade agreement in force, providing for preferential rules of origin, with at least one of the Contracting Parties.
- (2) Ukraine submitted a written request for accession to the Convention to the depositary of the Convention on 12 September 2016.
- (3) Ukraine has a free trade agreement in force with several Contracting Parties to the Convention and complies with the condition set out in Article 5(1) of the Convention to become a Contracting Party.
- (4) Article 4(3)(b) of the Convention provides that the Joint Committee shall adopt by decision invitations to third parties to accede to the Convention.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Ukraine shall be invited to accede to the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean preferential rules of origin.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on

¹ OJ L 54, 26.2.2013, p. 4.

Done at Brussels,

For the Joint Committee

The Chair