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European Union

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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION approving the conclusion, by the European Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

COUNCIL DECISION (Euratom) .../...

of ...

**approving the conclusion, by the European Commission,
on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community,
of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement
establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States,
of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part,
to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 101 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of Croatia, the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part¹ ('the Agreement') is to be agreed by means of a protocol to the Agreement.
- (2) On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned. Negotiations were successfully concluded with the Republic of Uzbekistan by exchange of *notes verbales*.
- (3) As regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community, the conclusion, by the Commission, of the Protocol should be approved.
- (4) As regards matters falling within the competence of the Union and of the Member States, the signing and conclusion of the Protocol are subject to a separate procedure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council and Commission Decision 1999/593/EC, ECSC, Euratom of 31 May 1999 on the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part (OJ L 229, 31.8.1999, p. 1).

Article 1

The conclusion by the Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union¹, is hereby approved.

Article 2

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

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President

¹ The text of the Protocol is published in ... [*insert OJ reference*] together with the decision on signing on behalf of the Union and of the Member States.