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signed by Mr Jordi AYET PUIGARNAU, Director

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To: Mr Uwe CORSEPIUS, Secretary-General of the Council of the European
Union

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Subject: ANNEX to the Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be
adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the Joint Committee
established by the Regional Convention on pan-Euro-Mediterranean
preferential rules of origin as regards the request of the Republic of
Moldova to become a Contracting Party to that Convention

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

No 1

of [21 May 2014]

as regards the request of the Republic of Moldova 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, hereafter 'the Convention',

Whereas:

- (1) Article 5(1) of 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) The Republic of Moldova submitted a written request for accession to the Convention to the depositary of the Convention on 17 July 2013.
- (3) The Republic of Moldova is a member of the Central European Free Trade Agreement between Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo². As a consequence, the Republic of Moldova has a free trade agreement in force with six 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 DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

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

¹ OJ L 54, 26.2.2013, p. 4.

² This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Joint Committee

The Chair