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## LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union
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and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part,  
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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 217 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, and in particular Article 6 (2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament<sup>1\*</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C [...], [...], p.[...].  
\* OJ: Please complete the footnote.

Whereas:

- (1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part<sup>1</sup> ('the Agreement') was signed in Brussels on 26 February 1996 and entered into force on 1 March 2000.
- (2) The Republic of Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.
- (3) Under the terms of Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the accession of the Croatia to the Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to the Agreement to be concluded between the Council, acting on behalf of the Union and unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and the Kingdom of Morocco.
- (4) On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco. The negotiations were successfully concluded by the initialling of the protocol. In accordance with Council Decision No .../2014/EU<sup>2\*</sup>, the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (the 'Protocol'), has been signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States in [...] on [...]\*\*.
- (5) The Protocol should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 70, 18.3.2000, p. 2.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L [...], [...], p.[...].

\* OJ: please insert the number of the Decision in document st 15865/14 and complete the footnote.

\*\* OJ: please insert the place and date of signature.

### *Article 1*

The Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (the 'Protocol') is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States.<sup>1\*</sup>

### *Article 2*

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, designate the person(s) empowered to proceed to the notification provided for in Article 7 of the Protocol, in order to express the consent of the Union to be bound by the Protocol.<sup>2</sup>

### *Article 3*

This Decision shall enter into force on ....

Done at ...

*For the Council*

*The President*

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<sup>1</sup> The Protocol has been published in OJ .... together with the decision on signature.  
<sup>\*</sup> OJ: please complete the footnote.

<sup>2</sup> The date of entry into force of the Protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.