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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/...

of ...

**on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement
for scientific and technological cooperation
between the European Union
and the Kingdom of Morocco
setting out the terms and conditions
for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco
in the Partnership for Research and Innovation
in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 186, in conjunction with point (a)(v) of the second subparagraph of Article 218(6) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

¹ Consent of ... (not yet published in the Official Journal).

Whereas:

- (1) Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ provides for the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area ('PRIMA') jointly undertaken by several Member States.
- (2) The Kingdom of Morocco ('Morocco') has expressed its wish to join PRIMA as a Participating State and to be on an equal footing with the Member States and third countries associated with Horizon 2020 – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) – that participate in PRIMA.
- (3) In accordance with Article 1(2) of Decision (EU) 2017/1324, Morocco is to become a Participating State in PRIMA subject to the conclusion of an international agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the Union setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Morocco in PRIMA.

¹ Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2017 on the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States (OJ L 185, 18.7.2017, p. 1).

- (4) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2018/...¹⁺, the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) ('the Agreement') was signed on ...⁺⁺, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (5) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2018/... of ... on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) (OJ L ...).

⁺ OJ: please insert the reference number and complete the corresponding footnote for document ST 6532/18.

⁺⁺ OJ: please insert date of signature.

Article 1

The Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Kingdom of Morocco in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) is hereby approved on behalf of the Union¹.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 5(2) of the Agreement².

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

¹ The text of the Agreement has been published in [OJ ...] together with the decision on signature.

² 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.