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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Joint Committee established by the Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee, and the establishment of subcommittees and specialised working groups and the adoption of their terms of reference

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/...

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and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part,
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and the adoption of their terms of reference**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular
Articles 207 and 209 in conjunction with Article 218(9), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Framework Agreement on Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part¹ ('the Agreement') entered into force on 1 October 2016.
- (2) Article 52(1) of the Agreement establishes a Joint Committee, whose tasks include ensuring the proper functioning and implementation of the Agreement.
- (3) Article 52(5) of the Agreement provides that the Joint Committee is to adopt its rules of procedure, and Article 52(3) provides that it is to set up subcommittees and specialised working groups.
- (4) In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Agreement, the Joint Committee's rules of procedure should be adopted as soon as possible.
- (5) The position of the Union within the Joint Committee as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee, and the establishment of subcommittees and specialised working groups and the adoption of their terms of reference should therefore be based on the attached draft Decisions of the Joint Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 329, 3.12.2016, p. 8.

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the first meeting of the Joint Committee established pursuant to Article 52 of the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee, and the establishment of subcommittees and specialised working groups and the adoption of their terms of reference, shall be based on the draft Decisions of the Joint Committee attached to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President
