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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part, as regards the adoption of Rules of Procedure for the Joint Committee

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2019/...

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**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union
within the Joint Committee established by
the Strategic Partnership Agreement
between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part,
and Japan, of the other part, as regards the adoption
of Rules of Procedure for the Joint Committee**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 212(1), in conjunction with Article 218(9), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part¹, ('the Agreement') was signed in Tokyo on 17 July 2018 and has been provisionally applied since 1 February 2019.
- (2) The Agreement establishes a Joint Committee to coordinate the overall partnership which is built upon the Agreement ('the Joint Committee') and provides that the Joint Committee is to adopt its own rules of procedure ('Rules of Procedure').
- (3) The Rules of Procedure should be adopted as soon as possible in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Agreement.
- (4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Joint Committee, as the Rules of Procedure will determine the functioning of the Joint Committee, which is responsible for administering the Agreement and ensuring its proper implementation.
- (5) The position of the Union within the Joint Committee should therefore be to support the adoption of the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 216, 24.8.2018, p. 4.

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the first meeting of the Joint Committee established pursuant to Article 42 of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the Joint Committee's Rules of Procedure, shall be to support the adoption by the Joint Committee of its Rules of Procedure as set out in the draft Decision 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
