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| To: | Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union |
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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Whereas:

- (1) Article 17(1) of the Treaty on European Union lists the powers of the Commission and provides in particular that the Commission is to ensure the Union's external representation, with the exception of the common foreign and security policy and other cases provided for in the Treaties.
- (2) The Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance establishes as objective to create an area of integration achieving the free movement of people, goods, services and capital. Therefore, the Union has an important role to play in sharing its experience and "acquis" also with a view to promoting the Union's interests in the four State Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru).
- (3) From July 2018 to April 2019, discussions took place between representatives of the European External Action Service ('EEAS') and the Commission and of the States Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance with a view to drawing up a non-binding instrument setting out political commitments with regard to set out a framework for cooperation on areas based on shared interest and mutual benefit. The Joint Declaration on a partnership between the States Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance and the European Union is the result of those discussions.
- (4) The Council has been kept informed of the discussions and of the envisaged date for signature.
- (5) The Joint Declaration on a partnership between the States Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance and the European Union does not, nor is it intended to, create any legal obligations on either side under domestic or international law.
- (6) The Joint Declaration has no financial implications.
- (7) Given the interest of the Union in deepening ties and cooperation in areas of common interest and strengthening political dialogue with the Pacific Alliance, it is appropriate to sign the Joint Declaration on a partnership between the States Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance and the European Union.

- (8) It is necessary to submit the Joint Declaration on a partnership between the States Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance and the European Union to the Council for endorsement, prior to its signing by the Commission on behalf of the Union,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Joint Declaration on a partnership between the States Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance and the European Union, as attached to this Decision, is hereby approved.

The text of the Joint Declaration on a partnership between the States Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance and the European Union is submitted to the Council for endorsement.

Article 2

The Vice-President of the Commission, Federica Mogherini, or the person designated by her is authorised to sign the Joint Declaration on a partnership between the States Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance and the European Union on behalf of the Union, after its endorsement by the Council.

Done at Brussels, 4.6.2019

For the Commission
Federica MOGHERINI
Vice-President