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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/...

of ...

**on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union
within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement
establishing an Association between the European Communities
and their Member States, of the one part,
and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part,
with regard to the adoption of EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027**

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(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part¹ ('the Agreement') was signed on 25 June 2001 and entered into force on 1 June 2004.
- (2) Pursuant to the Agreement, the Association Council established thereby ('the EU-Egypt Association Council') has the power to take decisions for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Agreement and is able to make appropriate recommendations.
- (3) With a view to further strengthening the solid and multifaceted relationship between the two partners, partnership priorities to support the implementation of the Agreement and to guide and inform the EU-Egypt partnership for the period 2021–2027 ('the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027') have been identified.

¹ Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part (OJ L 304, 30.9.2004, p. 39).

- (4) The EU-Egypt Association Council is to adopt a recommendation on the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027 during its ninth meeting.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the EU-Egypt Association Council, as the recommendation concerning the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027 will have legal effects on the Union.
- (6) The position of the Union within the EU-Egypt Association Council should therefore be based on the attached draft recommendation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on behalf of the Union during the ninth meeting of the EU-Egypt Association Council shall be based on the draft recommendation of the EU-Egypt Association Council attached to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President

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**RECOMMENDATION No 1/2022
OF THE EU-EGYPT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**

of ...

on the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027

THE EU-EGYPT ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part,

Whereas:

- (1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part ('the Agreement') was signed on 25 June 2001 and entered into force on 1 June 2004.
- (2) Article 76 of the Agreement gives the EU-Egypt Association Council the power to take decisions for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Agreement, and to make appropriate recommendations.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 86 of the Agreement, the Parties are to take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under the Agreement and to see to it that the objectives set out in the Agreement are attained.

- (4) The review of the European Neighbourhood Policy proposed a new phase of engagement with partners, allowing a greater sense of ownership by both sides.
- (5) The European Union and Egypt have agreed to consolidate their partnership by agreeing on a set of priorities for the period 2021–2027 ('the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027') with the aim of addressing common challenges facing the Union and Egypt and promoting joint interests.
- (6) The Parties to the Agreement have agreed on the text of the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027, which will support the implementation of the Agreement, focusing on cooperation in relation to commonly identified shared interests,

HEREBY RECOMMENDS:

Article 1

The Association Council recommends that the Parties to the Agreement implement the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027 as set out in the Annex to this Recommendation⁺.

Article 2

The EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities 2021–2027 replace the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities whose implementation was recommended by means of Recommendation No 1/2017 of the Association Council¹.

⁺ Delegations: see document ST 8663/2022 ADD1.

¹ Recommendation No 1/2017 of the EU-Egypt Association Council of 25 July 2017 agreeing on the EU-Egypt Partnership Priorities (EU OJ L 255, 3.10.2017, p. 26).

Article 3

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

Done at ...,

For the EU-Egypt

Association Council

The President
