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To:	Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union

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ANNEX

Decision no. [1]/2023 of the EU-Philippines Joint Committee on the establishment of the Sub-committee on Maritime Cooperation and adopting the respective terms of reference

THE EU-PHILIPPINES JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other, (hereinafter 'the Agreement') and in particular Article 48(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other, (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement"), was concluded by the Union by Council Decision (EU) 2017/2414 of 25 September 2017¹ and entered into force on 1 March 2018.
- (2) Article 48(3) of the Agreement provides that the Joint Committee can set up specialised sub-committees that can assist it in carrying out its tasks and duties and may decide to set up any other specialised sub-committee (such as the Sub-committee on Maritime Cooperation) or body that can assist it in carrying out its duties, and is to determine the composition and duties of such committees or bodies and how they function.
- (3) In order to allow for expert-level discussions on the key areas falling within scope of the provisional application of the Agreement, sub-committees can be established.
- (4) The Joint Committee established a list of subcommittees and adopted their terms of reference by its Decision No 2 [2020/02] of 28 January 2020.
- (5) Upon further agreement of the Parties, both the list of sub-committees and the scope of the individual sub-committees can be modified.
- (6) In accordance with Article 8(2) of the Joint Committee's Rules of Procedure, the Joint Committee may take decisions by written procedure if both Parties so agree.
- (7) The establishment of a new specialised Sub-committee on Maritime Cooperation would facilitate a dedicated dialogue on all aspects of the EU-Philippine maritime cooperation and promote the effective implementation of maritime cooperation programmes between the Philippines and the EU.
- (8) The terms of reference set out in Annex B of Decision No 2 [2020/02] of 28 January 2020 of the Joint Committee should also apply to the Sub-committee on Maritime Cooperation upon its establishment.
- (9) In order for this sub-committee to become operational in a timely manner, it is necessary to adopt this Decision by written procedure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L343, 22.12.2017, p. 1.

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1. The Sub-committee on Maritime Cooperation is hereby established.
2. The list of sub-committees as set out in Annex A of Decision No 2 [2020/02] of 28 January 2020 of the Joint Committee is hereby amended as set out in the Annex to this decision.
3. The terms of reference set out in Annex B of Decision No 2 [2020/02] of 28 January 2020 of the Joint Committee shall also apply to the Sub-committee on Maritime Cooperation upon its establishment.

Done at _____ ,

*For the EU-Philippines Joint Committee
The Chair*

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Annex
EU-Philippines Joint Committee
Specialised Sub-committees

Sub-committee on Development Cooperation

Sub-committee on Trade, Investment and Economic Cooperation

Sub-committee on Good Governance, Rule of Law and Human Rights

Sub-committee on Maritime Cooperation