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NOTE

Subject: ANNEX to COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations of agreements, in the form of an exchange of letters, amending and supplementing the agreements for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco, setting out the terms and conditions for their participation with regard to Horizon Europe in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA), jointly undertaken by several Member States

DIRECTIVES FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS, IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENTS FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN the European Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco, setting out the terms and conditions for their participation with regard to Horizon Europe in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States.

The agreements signed with the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco provided for the terms and conditions for the participation in PRIMA of those third countries not associated to Horizon 2020. The terms and conditions are those set out in Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ and those agreements shall remain in force for as long as Decision (EU) 2017/1324 is in force.

Decision (EU) 2017/1324 is to be amended to extend the Union financial contribution to PRIMA for the period 2025-2027 from appropriations in the general budget of the Union allocated to Horizon Europe. Therefore, for their continued participation in PRIMA, the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco must formally accept the new obligations resulting from Decision (EU) 2017/1324. Agreements, in the form of an exchange of letters, supplementing the current agreements must be negotiated and concluded with the purpose of extending those new rights and obligations to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco.

¹ Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2017 on the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States (OJ L 185, 18.7.2017, p. 1).

The agreements amending and supplementing the current agreements must regulate the new obligations of the third countries concerned as regards the Union, preferably by making direct reference to the new terms and conditions set out by Decision (EU) 2017/1324. The new obligations must include any new terms and conditions regarding their financial contribution and the protection of the financial interests of the Union, including the involvement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO). The agreements must integrate the implementing arrangements for mutual assistance established in accordance with the current agreements.

In order to allow the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco to continue participating in the PRIMA initiative, the agreements must provide for provisional application upon signature.
