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From:	European External Action Service (EEAS), signed by Mr Luc Pierre DEVIGNE, Deputy Managing Director
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To:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic, of the other part.

Delegations will find attached document EEAS (2023) 1191.

Encl.: EEAS (2023) 1191

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Note of the European External Action**Service of 24/10/2023**

EEAS Reference	EEAS (2023) 1191
To	General Secretariat of the Council COEST Working Party
Title / Subject	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the EPCA between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic, of the other part.
Reference of previous document	Not applicable

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Electronically signed on 24/10/2023 11:17 (UTC+02) in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Decision (EU) 2021/2121

Note to the attention of Ciara O'BRIEN, COEST Working Party

Chair

Following the discussions at the 29 March COREPER on the EU-Kyrgyz Republic Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA), of which the EEAS/Commission have taken good note of, please find in attachment the revised draft COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic, of the other part, in view of its adoption by the Council.

The amended text of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, including its annexes, agreed by the Kyrgyz Republic authorities, is also attached.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this proposal for the attention of the relevant preparatory body of the Council.

Luc Pierre DEVIGNE

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic, of the other part

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 207 and 209, in conjunction with Article 218(5),

Having regard to the proposal by the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 21 September 2017, the Council authorised the opening of negotiations with the Kyrgyz Republic for an Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement.
- (2) Building upon the desire of the Parties to strengthen and widen relations in an ambitious and innovative way, the negotiation of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (the 'Agreement') was successfully finalised by the initialling of the Agreement on 6 July 2019.
- (3) The Agreement should be signed on behalf of the Union, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (4) In view of the need to apply the Agreement ahead of its entry into force following ratifications by the Member States, the Agreement should be applied on a provisional basis, pending the completion of the procedures necessary for its entry into force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The signing of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union, subject to the conclusion of the said Agreement.
2. The text of the Agreement to be signed is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The Council Secretariat General shall establish the instrument of full powers to sign the Agreement, subject to its conclusion, for the person(s) indicated by the Commission.

Article 3

In accordance with Article 318 of the Agreement and subject to the notifications provided for therein, the Agreement shall be applied provisionally between the Union and the Kyrgyz Republic.

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President