



Council of the
European Union

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**COEST 127
WTO 164**

LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations on and to negotiate, on behalf of the Union, the provisions that fall within the competence of the Union of a Comprehensive Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/...

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between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part,
and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 91, Article 100(2), Articles 207 and 209, in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) and the second subparagraph of Article 218(8) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the ‘High Representative’),

Whereas negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding a Comprehensive Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, to replace the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement establishing a partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part¹,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 229, 31.8.1999, p. 3.

Article 1

1. The Commission and the High Representative are hereby authorised to open negotiations on and to negotiate, on behalf of the Union, the provisions that fall within the competence of the Union of a Comprehensive Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part (the ‘Agreement’).
2. The Commission shall be the head of the Union’s negotiating team.

Article 2

The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council as set out in the addendum⁺ to this Decision.

⁺ Delegations: see document ST 10336/2018 ADD 1.

Article 3

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Council Working Party on Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The Trade Policy Committee shall be consulted regularly on the trade-related parts of the Agreement.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Commission and the High Representative.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President
