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Subject: DECISION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL authorising the European Commission to open negotiations on and to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions that fall within the competences of the Member States 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

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OF THE MEMBER STATES, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL**

of ...

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THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION, MEETING WITHIN THE COUNCIL,

Whereas the European Commission should be authorised to open negotiations on and to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions that fall within the competences of the Member States 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, 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,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 229, 31.8.1999, p. 3.

Article 1

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States hereby authorise the Commission to open negotiations on and to negotiate, on behalf of the Member States, the provisions that fall within the competences of the Member States 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').

Article 2

Article 1 is without prejudice to future decisions of the Member States relating to the designation of their representatives on parts of the Agreement that fall within their competences.

Article 3

The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the addendum⁺ to Council Decision (EU) 2018/...¹⁺⁺, where applicable.

⁺ see document ST 10336/2018 ADD 1.

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2018/... of ... 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 (OJ L ..., ..., p. ...).

⁺⁺ OJ: please insert the number of the Council Decision from the document ST 10336/2018 INIT in the text and insert the relevant details in the footnote.

Article 4

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council Working Party on Eastern Europe and Central Asia and, for trade-related parts of the Agreement, within the Trade Policy Committee.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ...,

*For the Representatives
of the Governments
of the Member States
The President*
