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Subject: END OF WRITTEN PROCEDURE

Council Decisions on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Councils of the bilateral agreements as regards the amendments of the Protocols concerning the implementation of the revised rules of the PEM Convention

- Adoption

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Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 5161/20 of 3 December 2020, was completed on 7 December 2020 with the following result:

- all delegations agreed to the adoption of:
- (1) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of **Albania**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 11990/20 and 11141/20)

- (2) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 2 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 11996/20 and 11065/20)
- (3) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the **EEA Agreement**, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 10296/20 and 10297/20)
- (4) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the **Arab Republic of Egypt**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 11999/20 and 11075/20)
- (5) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Community, of the one part, and the Government of **Denmark** and the Home Government of the **Faroe Islands**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 10256/20 and 10257/20)
- (6) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and **Georgia**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol I to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12004/20 and 11080/20)

- (7) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the **Republic of Iceland**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 10291/20 and 10292/20)
- (8) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of **Israel**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12006/20 and 11081/20)
- (9) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the **Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12009/20 and 11085/20)
- (10) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and **Kosovo\*** of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol III to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12010/20 and 11096/20)

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(\*) This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

- (11) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the **Republic of Lebanon**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12011/20 and 11104/20)
- (12) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the **former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 4 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12012/20 and 11113/20)
- (13) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the **Republic of Moldova**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol II to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12017/20 and 11115/20)
- (14) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the **Republic of Montenegro**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12018/20 + COR 1 EL and 11124/20)

- (15) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and the **Kingdom of Norway**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 10280/20 and 10281/20)
- (16) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and **the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO)** for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12019/20 and 11125/20)
- (17) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Stabilisation and Association Council established by the Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and **the Republic of Serbia**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12037/20 and 11126/20) + COR 1 NL
- (18) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Economic Community, of the one part, and **the Swiss Confederation**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 10244/20 and 10245/20)
- (19) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Customs Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and their Member States, of the one part, and **Ukraine**, of the other part, as regards the amendment of Protocol I to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12053/20 and 11131/20)

- - all delegations, except for Cyprus that abstained, agreed to the adoption of

- (20) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EU-Turkey Association Council as regards the amendment of Protocol 3 to Decision No 1/98 of the **EC-Turkey** Association Council on the trade regime for **agricultural products**, concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12051/20 and 11128/20)
- (21) Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Coal and Steel Community and **the Republic of Turkey** on trade in products covered by the Treaty establishing the European **Coal and Steel** Community as regards the amendment of Protocol 1 to that Agreement concerning the definition of the concept of 'originating products' and methods of administrative cooperation (doc. 12052/20 and 11130/20)

Therefore, the above 21 Council Decisions are adopted.

The statement by the Commission regarding all 21 Council Decisions is set out in the Annex to this communication and will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as a statement to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission considers that the Council Decision should be addressed to the Commission, and therefore considers the changes to Article 2 to be inappropriate.

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