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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
On: 4 July 2025

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations for individual Strategic Partnership Agreements with each of the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates)
- Adoption

1. On 1 April 2025, the European Commission submitted to the Council a Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations for individual Strategic Partnership Agreements with each of the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates).¹
2. On 24 April, 8, 22 and 28 May, the Trade Policy Committee examined the trade parts of the aforementioned Recommendation, and endorsed the text on 28 May 2025.
3. On 10 April, 5 and 26 May, 12, 19 and 24 June, the Middle East/Gulf Working Party discussed the proposed Council Decision and the negotiating directives, and reached agreement on the text of the negotiating directives with modifications as set out in 10901/25 ADD1 on 20 June 2025.

¹ 7657/25

4. On 24 June 2025, the Working Party agreed the draft 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 European Union, the provisions that fall within the exclusive competence of the Union for individual Strategic Partnership Agreements between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates). To the extent it also falls within their own competence, all Member States were in a position to agree to the adoption of this Decision.
5. In light of the above and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives' Committee,
- a) the Council is invited to
- adopt the 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 European Union, the provisions that fall within the exclusive competence of the Union of individual Strategic Partnership Agreements between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the six Gulf Cooperation Council countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates) of the other part, as set out, after legal/linguistic verification, in document 10901/25 as well as the negotiating directives set out in its addendum;
 - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU of the adoption of Council Decision 10901/25 and this decision will be transmitted to the European Parliament.
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