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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/...

of ...

**on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States,
of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association
between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part,
and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part,
to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 217, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part¹ ('the Agreement'), was signed on 17 July 1995. The Agreement entered into force on 1 March 1998.
- (2) The Republic of Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.
- (3) In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to the Agreement ('the Protocol'). Under a simplified procedure, a protocol is to be concluded between the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and the third country concerned.
- (4) On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the third countries concerned in view of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the Union. The negotiations with the Republic of Tunisia were concluded successfully on 11 May 2018.

¹ OJ L 97, 30.3.1998, p. 2.

- (5) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2018/...¹⁺ the Protocol was signed on behalf of the Union and its Member States in [...] on [...]++, subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (6) The Protocol should be approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2018/... of ... on the signing, on behalf of the European Union and its Member States, and provisional application of a Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union (OJ L ..., ..., p. ...).

⁺ Note to OJ: Please insert the serial number and complete the reference in the corresponding footnote for the decision contained in ST 12292/18.

⁺⁺ Note to OJ: Please insert the place and the date of signing of that Protocol.

Article 1

The Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Tunisia, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and its Member States¹⁺.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, give the notification provided for in Article 7(1) of the Protocol.

¹ The text of the Protocol has been published in ... [please give OJ reference], together with the decision on signature.

⁺ Note to OJ: Please insert the publication reference for the Protocol contained in ST 12295/18.

Article 3

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

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
