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Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 186 and Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council[1] established the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) under Horizon 2020, established by Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council[2], for a period until 31 December 2028.

(2) Jordan is one of 19 Participating States in PRIMA, having concluded an agreement on scientific and technological cooperation, which set out the terms and conditions for its participation in PRIMA[3] ('the PRIMA Agreement'). The PRIMA Agreement is to remain in force for as long as Decision (EU) 2017/1324 is in force.

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1 Decision (EU) 2017/1324 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2017 on the participation of the Union in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States (OJ L 185, 18.7.2017, p.1).

2 Regulation (EU) No 1291/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing Horizon 2020 - the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (2014-2020) and repealing Decision No 1982/2006/EC (OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 104).

3 Agreement between the European Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (OJ L 159, 17.6.2011, p. 108).

(3) Decision (EU) 2024/1167 of the European Parliament and of the Council[4] extended PRIMA's overall duration until 31 December 2031 and provided for Jordan to continue to be a Participating State in PRIMA under Horizon 2020. Moreover, that Decision provided for Jordan to be considered a Participating State for the purposes of its participation in the activities of PRIMA under Horizon Europe[5] subject to the conclusion of an agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, amending and supplementing the existing international agreement for scientific and technological cooperation with the Union and setting out the new terms and conditions of the participation of Jordan in PRIMA.

(4) Since Jordan has expressed its interest in continuing to be a Participating State for the purposes of the activities of PRIMA under Horizon Europe, it should formally accept the updated terms and conditions.

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4 Decision (EU) 2024/1167 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 amending Decision (EU) 2017/1324 as regards the continuation of the Union's participation in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) under Horizon Europe (OJ L, 2024/1167, 19.4.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/1167/oj).

5 Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 (OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/695/oj).

(5) To that end, on 9 November 2023, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2023/2621[6], which authorised the Commission to negotiate an agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, amending and supplementing the PRIMA Agreement, setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of Jordan in PRIMA under Horizon Europe.

(6) The negotiations were finalised on 15 February 2024 by means of the initialling of the Agreement.

(7) The Agreement should be signed.

(8) In accordance with the Treaties, the Commission should ensure the signing of the Agreement, subject to its conclusion,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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[6] Council Decision (EU) 2023/2621 of 9 November 2023 authorising the opening of negotiations for agreements, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, amending and supplementing the agreements for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the Republic of Lebanon and the Kingdom of Morocco, respectively, setting out the terms and conditions for their participation with regard to Horizon Europe in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) jointly undertaken by several Member States (OJ L, 2023/2621, 21.11.2023, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/2621/oj).

Article 1

The signing on behalf of the European Union of the Agreement, in the form of an Exchange of Letters, amending and supplementing the Agreement for scientific and technological cooperation between the European Union and Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan setting out the terms and conditions for the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA) ('the Agreement'), is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of said Agreement.

Article 2

The Commission shall ensure the signing of the Agreement, subject to its conclusion.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption[7].

Done at …, …

For the Council
The President

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[7] The text of the Agreement will be published together with the decision on its conclusion.