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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the EU-Ukraine Association Council established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, as regards the establishment of the Public Administration Reform Sub-Committee and the endorsement of the establishment of the Joint Consultative Committee between the European Committee of the Regions and the elected local and regional authorities of Ukraine

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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 217, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Association Agreement between the Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part¹ (the ‘Agreement’) entered into force on 1 September 2017.
- (2) The Preamble to the Agreement affirms the Parties’ commitment to advancing reforms and approximation processes in Ukraine, based on common values.
- (3) Under the Agreement, the Parties are to engage in various forms of dialogue and cooperation, including political dialogue in all areas of mutual interest, dialogue and cooperation on domestic reforms, cooperation in the management of public finances, and cooperation in the field of regional policy.
- (4) Pursuant to their obligation to engage in dialogue and cooperation, the Parties wish to establish a sub-committee on public administration reform under the Agreement and endorse the establishment of a joint consultative committee between the European Committee of the Regions and the elected local and regional authorities of Ukraine.

¹ OJ L 161, 29.5.2014, p. 3, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2014/295/oj.

- (5) The Agreement provides that the Association Council may decide to set up any special committee or body in specific areas necessary for the implementation of the Agreement.
- (6) The Association Council is to decide on the establishment of the Public Administration Reform Sub-Committee and is to endorse the establishment of the Joint Consultative Committee between the European Committee of the Regions and the elected local and regional authorities of Ukraine,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be adopted on the Union's behalf within the EU-Ukraine Association Council shall be to support the establishment of the Public Administration Reform Sub-Committee and the endorsement of the establishment of the Joint Consultative Committee between the European Committee of the Regions and the elected local and regional authorities of Ukraine, and shall be based on the draft decision of the Association Council attached to this Decision.

Article 2

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

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
