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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations and negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, the provisions that fall within the competence of the Union, of a modernised Global Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mexico, of the other part

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2016/...

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 37 and Article 31(1) thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 217 thereof, in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) and the second subparagraph of Article 218(8) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding a Modernised Global Agreement with Mexico to replace the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the United Mexican States, of the other part¹, Decision No 2/2000 of the EC-Mexico Joint Council² and Decision 2/2001 of the EU-Mexico Joint Council³ implementing Articles 6, 9, 12(2)(b) and 50 of the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and Mexico,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 276, 28.10.2000, p. 45.

² Decision No 2/2000 of the EC Mexico Joint Council of 23 March 2000 (OJ L 157, 30.6.2000, p. 10).

³ Decision No 2/2001 of the EU-Mexico Joint Council of 27 February 2001 implementing Articles 6, 9, 12(2)(b) and 50 of the Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement (OJ L 70, 12.3.2001, p. 7).

Article 1

1. The Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the "High Representative") are hereby authorised to negotiate, on behalf of the Union, the provisions that fall within the Union's competence of a Modernised Global Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Mexico, of the other part ("the Agreement").
2. The Commission shall be the head of the Union's negotiating team.

Article 2

The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the Addendum to this Decision.

Article 3

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Council Working Party on Latin America and the Caribbean. The Trade Policy Committee shall be consulted on the trade-related parts of the Agreement.

Article 4

This Decision is addressed to the Commission and the High Representative.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President
