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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the

European Union within the Association Council set up by the

Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, as regards the EU-Jordan

Partnership Priorities 2021–2027

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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/...

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on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union
within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement
establishing an Association between the European Communities
and their Member States, of the one part,
and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part,
as regards the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities 2021–2027

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 Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part¹ ('the Agreement') was signed on 24 November 1997 and entered into force on 1 May 2002.
- Pursuant to the Agreement, the Association Council established thereby ('the EU-Jordan Association Council') has the power to take decisions for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Agreement.
- The Union and Jordan have a strong partnership. Jordan is a key partner of the Union, and the Union highly values the important moderating role that Jordan plays in the region. With a view to further strengthening the solid and multifaceted relationship between the two partners, partnership priorities to support the implementation of the Agreement and to guide and inform the EU-Jordan partnership for the period 2021–2027 ('the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities 2021–2027') have been identified.

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Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part (OJ L 129, 15.5.2002, p. 3).

- (4) The EU-Jordan Association Council is to agree on the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities 2021–2027 during its 14th meeting.
- (5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be adopted on the Union's behalf within the EU-Jordan Association Council, as the decision concerning the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities 2021–2027 will have legal effects on the Union.
- (6) The position of the Union within the EU-Jordan Association Council should therefore be based on the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be adopted on the Union's behalf in the 14th meeting of the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part, shall be based on the draft decision of the EU-Jordan 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

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DECISION No... OF THE EU-Jordan ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

of DD/MM/2022

on the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities 2021-2027

THE EU-JORDAN ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part,

Whereas:

- The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, of the other part ('the Agreement') was signed on 24 November 1997 and entered into force on 1 May 2002.
- (2) Article 91 of the Agreement gives the EU-Jordan Association Council the power to take appropriate decisions for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Agreement.
- (3) In terms of Article 101 of the Agreement, the Parties are to take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under the Agreement and are to see to it that the objectives set out in the Agreement are attained.

- (4) The review of the European Neighbourhood Policy proposed a new phase of engagement with partners, allowing a greater sense of ownership by both sides.
- (5) The European Union and Jordan have agreed to consolidate their partnership by agreeing on a set of priorities for the period 2021–2027 ('the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities 2021–2027') with the aim of supporting and strengthening Jordan's resilience and stability while also seeking to address the impact of the protracted conflict in Syria.
- (6) The European Union and Jordan have agreed on the text of the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities 2021–2027, which will support the implementation of the Agreement, focusing on cooperation in relation to commonly identified shared interests,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The EU-Jordan Association Council recommends that the Parties to the Agreement implement the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities 2021–2027 as set out in the Annex to this Decision*.

Article 2

The EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities 2021–2027 replace the EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities agreed on by means of Decision No 1/2016 of the EU-Jordan Association Council¹.

Article 3

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

Done at xx, day month year.

For the EU-Jordan Association Council
The Chair

* Delegations: see document st 8039/22 ad01.

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Decision No 1/2016 of the EU-Jordan Association Council of 19 December 2016 agreeing on EU-Jordan Partnership Priorities (OJ EU L 355, 24.12.2016, p. 31).