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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2018/...

of ...

**on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union,
of the Strategic Partnership Agreement
between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part,
and Japan, of the other part**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 37 thereof,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 212(1), in conjunction with point (a) of Article 218(6) and the second subparagraph of Article 218(8) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

¹ Consent of [date] (not yet published in the Official Journal).

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision [XXX] of [...] ¹⁺, the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part ('the Agreement') was signed on [...], subject to its conclusion at a later date.
- (2) The objective of the Agreement is to strengthen cooperation and dialogue across a broad range of bilateral, regional and multilateral issues.
- (3) The Agreement should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2018/ ... of ... on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part OJ L [...], [...], p. [...].

⁺ OJ: please insert the date of adoption and number of the Decision contained in st8461/18 and complete the corresponding footnote.

Article 1

The Strategic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Japan, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.¹

Article 2

The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy shall co-chair the Joint Committee provided for in Article 42 of the Agreement.

Article 3

The President of the Council shall designate the person(s) empowered to exchange the instrument confirming the completion of approval and ratification by the Union Party provided for in Article 47(1) of the Agreement, in order to express the consent to be bound by the Agreement.²

¹ The text of the Agreement has been published in OJ L [...] of [...], p. [...] together with the decision on signature.

² The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

Article 4

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

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
