DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2022/793

of 16 May 2022

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the 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 Georgia, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the EU-Georgia Association Agenda 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 Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part ([1]) (the 'Agreement') was signed on 27 June 2014 and entered into force on 1 July 2016.

(2) Pursuant to Article 406(1) of the Agreement, the Association Council has the power to adopt recommendations for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Agreement.

(3) To facilitate the application of the Agreement, the Parties have agreed to establish an Association Agenda listing priorities for their joint work broken down by sector.

(4) The Association Council is to adopt a recommendation on the EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027 by written procedure.

(5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Association Council, as the EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027 will be the basis for programming under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, established by Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council ([2]).

(6) The position of the Union within the Association Council should therefore be based on the attached draft Recommendation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the 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 Georgia, of the other part, as regards the adoption of the EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027, shall be based on the draft Recommendation of the Association Council attached to this Decision.

([1]) OJ L 261, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

([2]) Regulation (EU) 2021/947 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 June 2021 establishing the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, amending and repealing Decision No 466/2014/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Regulation (EU) 2017/1601 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 480/2009 (OJ L 209, 14.6.2021, p. 1).

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 16 May 2022.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

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RECOMMENDATION No 1/2022 OF THE EU-GEORGIA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

of …

on the EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027

THE EU-GEORGIA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part,

Whereas:

(1) The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part ([1]) (the 'Agreement') was signed on 27 June 2014 and entered into force on 1 July 2016.

(2) Pursuant to Article 406(1) of the Agreement, the Association Council has the power to adopt recommendations for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Agreement.

(3) Pursuant to Article 420(1) of the Agreement, the Parties are to take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under the Agreement and are to ensure that the objectives set out in the Agreement are attained.

(4) Article 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Association Council provides for the possibility of taking decisions and making recommendations by written procedure if both Parties so agree.

(5) The Union and Georgia have agreed to consolidate their partnership by agreeing on a set of priorities for the period 2021-2027 (the 'EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027') for the joint work towards attaining the objectives of political association and economic integration as set out in the Agreement.

(6) The Parties to the Agreement have agreed on the text of the EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027, which will support the implementation of the Agreement, focusing cooperation on commonly identified shared interests,

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

Article 1

The Association Council recommends that the Parties implement the EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027, as set out in the Annex ([2]).

Article 2

The EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2021-2027, as set out in the Annex, shall replace the EU-Georgia Association Agenda which was adopted on 20 November 2017.

Article 3

This Recommendation shall take effect on the day of its adoption.

([1]) OJ L 261, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

([2]) See document ST 8327/22 ADD 2 on https://register.consilium.europa.eu.

Done at Tbilisi, [day month year].

For the Association Council
The Chair