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to the

Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, as regards the extension of the EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities until new updated joint documents are adopted by the EU and Lebanon

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DECISION No xx/2021 OF THE EU-LEBANON ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

of [dd/mm/yyy]

agreeing on the extension of the EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities

THE EU-LEBANON ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Lebanon, of the other part ("the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement"),

Whereas:

(1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, was signed on 17 June 2002 and entered into force on 1 April 2006[1].

(2) Pursuant to Article 76 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, the Association Council may take decisions for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Agreement.

(3) Article 86 of the Agreement states that 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) By Decision No 1/2016 of the Association Council of 11 November 2016, the EU and Lebanon have agreed on Partnership Priorities to guide their partnership for the period 2016-2020, with the aim of supporting and strengthening Lebanon's resilience and stability while seeking to address the impact of the protracted conflict in Syria[2].

(5) In an exchange of letters, both parties agreed on the continued validity of the EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities as a guiding document to consolidate their partnership pending the adoption of new updated joint documents.

(6) Article 10 of the Rules of Procedures of the Association Council provides for the possibility of taking decisions by written procedure between sessions, if the Parties so agree;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Association Council, acting by written procedure, decides that the EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities annexed to its Decision No 1/2016 of 11 November 2016, are extended until new updated joint documents are adopted by the EU and Lebanon.

[1] Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part; OJ L 143; 30.5.2006

[2] Decision No 1/2016 of the EU-Lebanon Association Council of 11 November 2016 agreeing on EU-Lebanon Partnership Priorities; OJ L 350/114; 22.12.2016.

Article 2

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

Done at xx, [day month year].

For the Association Council