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(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION (Euratom) 2020/971

of 20 November 2017

approving the conclusion by the European Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community, and in particular the second paragraph of Article 101 thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) On 29 September 2015, the Council authorised the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to open negotiations with the Republic of Armenia on a framework agreement.

(2) Those negotiations have been successfully completed, and the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part ('the Agreement') was initialled on 21 March 2017.

(3) The Agreement will be signed on behalf of the Union and applied on a provisional basis in accordance with Article 385 of the Agreement, pending its entry into force at a later date.

(4) The Agreement also covers matters falling under competences of the European Atomic Energy Community.

(5) The signature and conclusion of the Agreement are subject to a separate procedure as regards matters falling under the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

(6) The Agreement should therefore also be concluded on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community as regards matters falling under the Euratom Treaty.

(7) Article 102 of the Euratom Treaty states that the Agreement may not enter into force for the European Atomic Energy Community until the European Commission has been notified by the Member States that the Agreement has become applicable in accordance with the provisions of their respective national laws.

(8) The conclusion of the Agreement by the European Commission, acting on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, should be approved as regards matters falling within the competence of the European Atomic Energy Community,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The conclusion by the European Commission, on behalf of the European Atomic Energy Community, of the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, including its provisional application ([1]), is hereby approved.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 20 November 2017.

For the Council
The President
M. REPS

([1]) The text of Agreement will be attached to the Council Decision on its signing.