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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/2609

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authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt and an agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on sustainable investment facilitation

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), first subparagraph, in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding an agreement with the Arab Republic of Egypt and an agreement with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on sustainable investment facilitation,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The opening of negotiations for an agreement between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt and an agreement between the European Union and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan on sustainable investment facilitation is hereby authorised.

Article 2

The Commission is hereby nominated as the Union negotiator.

Article 3

The negotiating directives set out in the addendum to this Decision are hereby addressed to the Commission.

Article 4

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Trade Policy Committee (Experts – Services and Investment), which is hereby designated as the special committee provided for in Article 218(4) of the Treaty.

Article 5

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at Brussels, 17 November 2026.

For the Council

The President

H. MCENTEE