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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2024/2581

of 23 September 2024

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Partnership Committee established by 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, as regards the adoption of the Mediation Mechanism, the Rules of Procedure and the Code of Conduct

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(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) 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 [1] (the 'Agreement'), has been provisionally applied since 1 June 2018 and entered into force on 1 March 2021.

(2) Articles 319(3) and 335(2) of the Agreement require the Partnership Committee to adopt, at its first meeting after the entry into force of the Agreement, the Mediation Mechanism, the Rules of Procedure and the Code of Conduct for the dispute-settlement procedures under Chapter 13 of Title VI of the Agreement.

(3) The Mediation Mechanism, the Rules of Procedure and the Code of Conduct have not been adopted since the first meeting of the Partnership Committee on 25 September 2018.

(4) A revised draft of the Mediation Mechanism, the Rules of Procedure and the Code of Conduct has been prepared by the Parties and is to be adopted by the Partnership Committee.

(5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Partnership Committee with regard to the adoption of the Mediation Mechanism, the Rules of Procedure and the Code of Conduct.

(6) The position of the Union within the Partnership Committee should therefore be based on the attached draft Decision of the Partnership Committee. The Mediation Mechanism, the Rules of Procedure and the Code of Conduct will complement the Agreement and should be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Partnership Committee established by 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, with regards to the adoption of the Mediation Mechanism, the Rules of Procedure and the Code of Conduct shall be based on the draft Decision of the Partnership Committee attached to this Decision.

Minor technical corrections to the draft Decision of the Partnership Committee may be agreed to by the representatives of the Union within the Partnership Committee without further decision of the Council.

Article 2

After its adoption, the Decision of the Partnership Committee shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

[1] OJ L 23, 26.1.2018, p. 4.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 23 September 2024.

For the Council
The President
FELDMAN Z.