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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) On 15 June 2018 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 on the apportionment of the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union.

(2) Negotiations with the Kingdom of Norway have been concluded and an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 relating to the modification of concessions on all the tariff-rate quotas included in the EU Schedule CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union ('the Agreement') was initialled on 7 and 8 July 2020.

(3) The Agreement should be signed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2020/1496. (See end of Document for details)*

CLXXV as a consequence of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of the said Agreement[(1)].

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Union.

Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg, 13 October 2020.

For the Council

The President

M. ROTH