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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 Article 217 in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part[(1)] (the 'Agreement') entered into force on 1 March 2000.

(2) Pursuant to Article 80 of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, the Association Council may issue recommendations.

(3) The Association Council is to adopt, by means of an Exchange of Letters, a recommendation for a further extension of the EU-Morocco Action Plan implementing the advanced status (2013-2017) ('Action Plan') of two years.

(4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Association Council with regard to the adoption of a recommendation approving the Action Plan, as the recommendation is binding on the Union.

(5) The extension of the Action Plan will constitute the basis of EU-Morocco relations for 2019 and 2020 and will enable new priority areas for EU-Morocco relations to be established for the years ahead,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

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

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European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of a recommendation approving the extension of the EU-Morocco Action Plan implementing the advanced status (2013-2017) by two years (2019 and 2020) shall be based on the attached draft recommendation.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.

Done at Luxembourg, 7 October 2019.

For the Council

The President

A.-M. HENRIKSSON