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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 and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

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

(2) Pursuant to Article 69 of the Agreement, the Association Council may take decisions and may make appropriate recommendations.

(3) The Association Council is to adopt the recommendation on the extension of the EU-Israel Action Plan, by written procedure.

(4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Association Council as the recommendation will have legal effects.

(5) The extension of the EU-Israel Action Plan for three years will give the Parties a full opportunity to take forward their cooperation for the coming years, including through the possible negotiation of partnership priorities,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, within the Association Council established by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the State of Israel, of the other part, shall be based on the draft recommendation of the Association Council attached to this Decision.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/105. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 20 December 2018.

For the Council

The President

E. KÖSTINGER