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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(5) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, and in particular Article 6(2) 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 State of Israel, of the other part[(1)] ('the Agreement'), was signed in Brussels on 20 November 1995. The Agreement entered into force on 1 June 2000.

(2) The Republic of Croatia became a Member State of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

(3) In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of the Republic of Croatia, the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the Agreement is to be agreed by means of a protocol to the Agreement concluded between the Council, acting unanimously on behalf of the Member States, and the State of Israel.

(4) On 14 September 2012, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the State of Israel. The negotiations were successfully concluded by the initialling of a Protocol on 28 September 2017.

(5) Article 7(3) of the Protocol provides for its provisional application before its entry into force.

(6) The Protocol should be signed, subject to its conclusion, and applied on a provisional basis,

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/102. (See end of Document for details)*

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The signing, on behalf of the Union and its Member States, of the Protocol to 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, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union, is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of the Protocol.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Protocol on behalf of the Union and its Member States.

Article 3

The Protocol shall be applied on a provisional basis with effect from 1 July 2013, in accordance with Article 7(3) thereof, pending the completion of the procedures necessary for its conclusion.

Article 4

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

Done at Luxembourg, 25 June 2018.

For the Council

The President

F. MOGHERINI