# EU/Jordan Agreement: dispute settlement mechanism

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PURPOSE: to conclude an Agreement in the form of a Protocol between the EU and Jordan establishing a dispute settlement mechanism applicable to disputes under the trade provisions of the EU-Jordan Euro-Mediterranean Agreement.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on 24 February 2006, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with partners in the Mediterranean region in order to establish a dispute settlement mechanism related to trade provisions. These negotiations have been concluded and an Agreement in the form of a Protocol between the EU and Jordan establishing a dispute settlement mechanism applicable to disputes under the trade provisions of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing and Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Jordan, of the other part was initialled on 9 December 2009.

It is now necessary to conclude the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASIS: the first sub-paragraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with point (a)(v) of Article 218 (6) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

COTNENT: under this Decision, the Agreement in the form of a Protocol between the EU and Jordan establishing a dispute settlement mechanism applicable to disputes under the trade provisions of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing and Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Jordan, of the other part is hereby approved on behalf of the Union, having regard to the consent of the European Parliament

The main elements of this Protocol are detailed in the summary of the previous initial legislative document dated 22/06/2010.