EU/Korea Framework Agreement

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PURPOSE: to conclude a Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and South Korea, on the other part, with the exception of matters related to readmission.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: in accordance with the Council Decision of 10 May 2010, the Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and the Republic of Korea, on the other part, was signed on 10 May 2010, subject to its conclusion at a later date.

Certain provisions of the Agreement concern readmission, and therefore fall within the scope of Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. A separate Decision relating to those provisions, which are contained in Article 33(2) of the Agreement, will be adopted in parallel to this Decision.

The Agreement should be approved on behalf of the Union.

LEGAL BASIS: Articles 91, 100, 191(4), 207 and 212, in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

CONTENT: under this proposal, the Council is invited to approve, on behalf of the European Union, the draft Framework Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, on the one part, and South Korea, on the other part, with the exception of matters related to readmission.

The new Framework Agreement will allow the EU to assume greater responsibility and influence in the Korean Peninsula. By virtue of the new Framework Agreement, the EU will promote European values and enhance concrete cooperation in a wide range of areas of mutual interest.

Specific provisions: the proposed Framework Agreement, with the exception of Article 33(2) thereof, is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy shall chair the Joint Committee provided for the Agreement. The Union or, as the case may be, the Union and the Member States, shall be represented in the Joint Committee depending on the subject matter.

For further details as regards the main provisions of the draft Agreement and its impact on the EU budget, *please refer to the summary of the Commission initial legislative proposal dated 25/07/2013*.