EU/Georgia framework agreement: general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Georgia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

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PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia of the other part, concerning the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: 2014/319/EU Council Decision 2014/319/EU on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

BACKGROUND: the Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Georgia on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes was signed on behalf of the Union on 12 December 2013.

It is now appropriate to approve the protocol on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: by means of this Decision, the Council approves on behalf of the European Union, with the consent of the European Parliament, a Protocol containing a Framework Agreement on the general principles for the participation of Georgia in Union programmes.

Objectives of the Protocol: the Protocol sets down, in particular, the specific terms and conditions regarding the **participation of Georgia in each particular programme**, in particular **the financial contribution** payable and reporting and evaluation procedures which shall be determined in the context of an agreement between the European Commission, on behalf of the Union, and Georgia.

This framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of Georgia's participation.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 12.05.2014. The date of entry into force of the protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.