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

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PURPOSE: the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2014/347/EU on the conclusion of a Protocol to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia 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 the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Armenia on the general principles for the participation of the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes was signed on behalf of the Union on 17 December 2012.

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 the Republic of Armenia in Union programmes.

Main provisions: the Protocol sets down, in particular, the specific terms and conditions regarding the **participation of Armenia 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 Armenia.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 20.02.2014. 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.