EU/Algeria Framework Agreement: participation of Algeria in Union programmes. Protocol to the EC/Algeria Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement

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PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Algeria, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Algeria on the general principles for the participation of Algeria in Union programmes.

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 a Council Decision, the Protocol to the EuroMediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and Algeria, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Algeria on the general principles for the participation of Algeria in Union programmes was signed on behalf of the Union.

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

CONTENT: the Council is invited to approve the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Algeria, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and Algeria on the general principles for the participation of Algeria in Union programmes.

For further details of the Protocol, *please refer to the summary of the initial Commission proposal dated 27.6.2014*.

The objective of the Protocol is to lay down the financial and technical rules enabling Algeria to participate in certain Union programmes.

General principles for the participation of Algeria in Union programmes: the horizontal framework established by the Protocol constitutes an economic, financial and technical cooperation measure which allows for access to assistance, in particular financial assistance, to be provided by the Union pursuant to the Union programmes. This framework applies only to those Union programmes for which the relevant constitutive legal acts provide for the possibility of the participation of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria. The conclusion of the Protocol therefore does not entail the exercise of the powers, under the various sectoral policies pursued by the programmes, which are exercised when establishing the programmes.