

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/2422

of 6 November 2017

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part with regard to the adoption of the EU-Georgia Association Agenda

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 217, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part ⁽¹⁾ ('the Agreement') was signed on 27 June 2014 and entered into force on 1 July 2016.
- (2) In accordance with Article 406(1) of the Agreement, the Association Council has the power to adopt recommendations, for the purposes of attaining the objectives of the Agreement.
- (3) To facilitate the application of the Agreement, the Parties have agreed to establish an Association Agenda with a view to providing a list of priorities for their joint work on a sector-by-sector basis.
- (4) The Parties have agreed on an Association Agenda, which will prepare and facilitate the implementation of the Agreement. The Association Agenda will have to be adopted by the Association Council set up under the Agreement.
- (5) The Union position to be taken in the Association Council on the adoption of the EU-Georgia Association Agenda is to be adopted by the Council,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Association Council established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part, with regard to the adoption of the EU-Georgia Association Agenda, shall be based on the draft Recommendation of the Association Council attached to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 30.8.2014, p. 4.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 6 November 2017.

For the Council
The President
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RECOMMENDATION No .../2017 OF THE EU- GEORGIA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of
on the EU-Georgia Association Agenda

THE EU-GEORGIA ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Having regard to the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part,

Whereas:

- (1) The Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Georgia, of the other part ⁽¹⁾, ('the Agreement') was signed on 27 June 2014 and entered into force on 1 July 2016.
- (2) In accordance with Article 406(1) of the Agreement, the Association Council has the power to adopt recommendations for the purposes of attaining the objectives of the Agreement.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 420(1) of the Agreement, the Parties are to take any general or specific measures required to fulfil their obligations under the Agreement and are to ensure that the objectives set out in the Agreement are attained.
- (4) The review of the European Neighbourhood Policy proposed a new phase of engagement with partners, allowing a greater sense of ownership by both sides.
- (5) The Union and Georgia wish to consolidate their partnership by agreeing on a set of priorities for the period 2017-2020 with the aim of supporting and strengthening the resilience and stability of Georgia while seeking closer political association and deeper economic integration.
- (6) The Parties to the Agreement have therefore agreed on the text of the EU-Georgia Association Agenda, which will support the implementation of the Agreement, focusing cooperation on commonly identified shared interests,

HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

Article 1

The Association Council recommends that the Parties implement the EU-Georgia Association Agenda, as set out in the Annex.

Article 2

The EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2017-2020, as set out in the Annex, shall replace the EU-Georgia Association Agenda 2014-2016 which was adopted on 26 June 2014.

Article 3

This Recommendation shall take effect on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, [day month 2017].

For the Association Council
The Chair

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 261, 30.8.2014, p. 4.