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## Consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

### PART FIVE

#### [<sup>X1</sup>THE UNION'S EXTERNAL ACTION]

#### TITLE V

#### INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

##### *Article 216*

1 The Union may conclude an agreement with one or more third countries or international organisations where the Treaties so provide or where the conclusion of an agreement is necessary in order to achieve, within the framework of the Union's policies, one of the objectives referred to in the Treaties, or is provided for in a legally binding Union act or is likely to affect common rules or alter their scope.

2 Agreements concluded by the Union are binding upon the institutions of the Union and on its Member States.