DECISION No 2/2012 OF THE EU-EFTA JOINT COMMITTEE ON A COMMON TRANSIT PROCEDURE

of 19 January 2012

concerning an invitation to Turkey to accede to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure

(2012/222/EU)

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure [1] ('the Convention'), and in particular Article 15(3)(e) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) The promotion of trade with Turkey would be facilitated by a common transit procedure for goods transported between Turkey and the European Union, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway and the Swiss Confederation.

(2) With a view to achieving such a procedure, it is appropriate to invite Turkey to accede to the Convention,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In accordance with Article 15a of the Convention, Turkey is invited, in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the Council of the European Union and Turkey annexed to this Decision, to accede to the Convention as from 1 July 2012.

Article 2

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

Done at Brussels, 19 January 2012.

For the Joint Committee
The President
Mirosław ZIELIŃSKI

[1] OJ L 226, 13.8.1987, p. 2.

ANNEX

LETTER No 1

Communication of the Decision of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee to invite Turkey to accede to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the Decision of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on a common transit procedure of 19 January 2012 (Decision No 2/2012) inviting Turkey to become a Contracting Party to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure. The European Union invites Turkey to give assurance that it would apply the above Convention in a non-discriminatory manner to all Member States.

The accession of Turkey to the Convention may be effected by lodging its Instrument of Accession with the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union together with a translation of the Convention in the official language of Turkey, in accordance with Article 15a of the Convention.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

The General Secretary

General Secretariat of the
Council of the European Union

LETTER No 2

Instrument of Accession of Turkey to the Convention on a common transit procedure

Turkey,

Taking note of the Decision of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on a common transit procedure of 19 January 2012 (Decision No 2/2012) inviting Turkey to accede to the Convention of 20 May 1987 on a common transit procedure ('the Convention'),

Taking into account the invitation to accede to the Convention, and

Desiring to become a Contracting Party to the Convention,

HEREBY

Accedes to the Convention;

Attaches to this Instrument a translation of the Convention in the official language of Turkey;

Declares that it accepts all the Recommendations and Decisions of the EU-EFTA Joint Committee on a common transit procedure adopted between 19 January 2012 and the date that the Accession of Turkey becomes effective in accordance with Article 15a of the Convention.

Done at …