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(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION

of 13 May 2011

**on the conclusion of an Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco
establishing a dispute settlement mechanism**

(2011/392/EU)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first subparagraph of Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a)(v), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) On 24 February 2006 the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with partners in the Mediterranean region in order to establish a dispute settlement mechanism related to trade provisions.
- (2) Negotiations have been conducted by the Commission in consultation with the committee appointed under Article 207 of the Treaty and within the framework of the negotiating directives issued by the Council.
- (3) These negotiations have been concluded and an Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco establishing a Dispute Settlement Mechanism ('the Agreement') was initialled on 9 December 2009.

(4) The Agreement was signed on behalf of the Union on 13 December 2010.

(5) The Agreement should be concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco establishing a Dispute Settlement Mechanism ('the Agreement') is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give, on behalf of the Union, the notification provided for in Article 23 of the Agreement ⁽¹⁾.

Article 3

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

Done at Brussels, 13 May 2011.

For the Council
The President
MARTONYI J.

⁽¹⁾ The date of entry into force of the Agreement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.