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(Non-legislative acts)

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

COUNCIL DECISION 2012/315/CFSP

of 19 December 2011

on the signing and conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand establishing a framework for the participation of New Zealand in European Union crisis management operations

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, in particular Article 37 thereof, and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in particular Article 218(5) and (6) thereof,

The Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand establishing a framework for the participation of New Zealand in European Union crisis management operations is hereby approved on behalf of the Union.

Having regard to the proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy ('the HR'),

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

Whereas:

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the person(s) empowered to sign the Agreement in order to bind the Union.

Article 3

(1) Conditions regarding the participation of third States in European Union crisis management operations should be laid down in an agreement establishing a framework for such possible future participation, rather than defining those conditions on a case-by-case basis for each operation concerned.

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 16(1) of the Agreement.

Article 4

(2) Following the adoption of a Decision by the Council on 26 April 2010 authorising the opening of negotiations, the HR negotiated an Agreement between the European Union and New Zealand establishing a framework for the participation of New Zealand in European Union crisis management operations ('the Agreement').

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

Done at Brussels, 19 December 2011.

(3) The Agreement should be approved,

*For the Council**The President*

M. KOROLEC