

**COUNCIL DECISION****of 19 May 2014****on the conclusion of the Arrangement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway  
on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office**

(2014/301/EU)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 74 and Article 78(1) and (2), in conjunction with point (a) of Article 218(6), thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament,

Whereas:

- (1) In accordance with Council Decision 2014/204/EU <sup>(1)</sup>, the Arrangement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (the 'Arrangement') was signed on 19 March 2014, subject to its conclusion.
- (2) The Arrangement should be approved.
- (3) As specified in recital 21 of Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council <sup>(2)</sup>, the United Kingdom and Ireland are taking part in and are bound by that Regulation. They should therefore give effect to Article 49(1) of Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 by taking part in this Decision. The United Kingdom and Ireland are therefore taking part in this Decision.
- (4) As specified in recital 22 of Regulation (EU) No 439/2010, Denmark is not taking part in and is not bound by that Regulation. Denmark is therefore not taking part in this Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Arrangement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office is hereby approved on behalf of the Union <sup>(3)</sup>.

*Article 2*

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 13(1) of the Arrangement <sup>(4)</sup>.

<sup>(1)</sup> Council Decision 2014/204/EU of 11 February 2014 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Arrangement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on the modalities of its participation in the European Asylum Support Office (OJ L 109, 12.4.2014, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> Regulation (EU) No 439/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 May 2010 establishing a European Asylum Support Office (OJ L 132, 29.5.2010, p. 11).

<sup>(3)</sup> The Arrangement has been published in the OJ L 109, 12.4.2014, p. 3, together with the decision on its signature.

<sup>(4)</sup> The date of entry into force of the Arrangement will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.

*Article 3*

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

Done at Brussels, 19 May 2014.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
A. TSAFTARIS

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