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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 100(2) and Articles 207 and 209 in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part¹ ('the Agreement'), was concluded by the Union by means of Council Decision (EU) 2017/2414² and entered into force on 1 March 2018.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 48 of the Agreement, a Joint Committee has been established and is charged, inter alia, with the implementation of the Agreement. Pursuant to Article 48(3) of the Agreement, the Joint Committee is to set up specialised subcommittees that can assist it in the performance of its tasks. The Joint Committee determines the composition and duties of such subcommittees and how they function. The Union and the Philippines have both expressed interest in setting up a subcommittee on maritime cooperation in order to facilitate a dedicated dialogue on all aspects of maritime cooperation between the Union and the Philippines.

¹ OJ L 343, 22.12.2017, p. 3.

² Council Decision (EU) 2017/2414 of 25 September 2017 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part (OJ L 343, 22.12.2017, p. 1).

- (3) The Joint Committee is to adopt by written procedure, in accordance with Article 8(2) of its rules of procedure, a decision establishing a subcommittee on maritime cooperation and adopting its terms of reference.
- (4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Joint Committee with regard to the adoption of a decision establishing a subcommittee on maritime cooperation and adopting its terms of reference, as that decision will be binding on the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the written procedure of the Joint Committee established pursuant to Article 48 of the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of the Philippines, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a decision establishing a subcommittee on EU-Philippines maritime cooperation and adopting its terms of reference shall be based on the draft decision of the Joint Committee attached to this Decision.
2. Minor changes to the draft decision of the Joint Committee may be agreed to by the representatives of the Union without a further decision of the Council.

Article 2

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

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President
