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PROPOSAL

From:	European External Action Service (EEAS), signed by Mr Luc Pierre DEVIGNE, Deputy Managing Director
To:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part

Delegations will find attached document EEAS(2025)58.

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Note of the European External Action Service

of 16/01/2025

EEAS Reference	**EEAS(2025) 58**
To	General Secretariat of the Council COEST Working Party
Title / Subject	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the EPCA between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part – revised text in view of adoption as Council amendment of the Commission proposal
Reference of previous document	Not applicable

EEAS(2025) 58

Note to the attention of Ciara O'BRIEN, COEST Working Party Chair

Following the discussions at the 4th December COREPER on the EU-Republic of Uzbekistan Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA), of which the EEAS/Commission have taken good note of, please find in attachment a text of the revised draft COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, in view of its adoption by the Council as Council amendment of the Commission proposal.

The amended text of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement, including its annexes, agreed by the Republic of Uzbekistan authorities, is also attached.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this proposal for the attention of the relevant preparatory body of the Council.

Luc Pierre DEVIGNE

Electronically signed on 16/01/2025 16:21 (UTC+01) in accordance with Article 11 of Commission Decision (EU) 2021/2121

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Articles 207 and 209, in conjunction with Article 218(5),

Having regard to the proposal by the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) On 16 July 2018, the Council authorised the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Uzbekistan for an Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement,

(2) Building upon the desire of the Parties to strengthen and widen relations in an ambitious and innovative way, the negotiation of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement ('the Agreement') was successfully finalised by the initialling of the Agreement on 6 July 2022,

(3) Therefore, the Agreement should be signed on behalf of the European Union,

(4) In view of the need to apply the Agreement ahead of its entry into force following ratifications by the Member States, the Agreement should be applied on a provisional basis, pending the completion of the procedures necessary for its entry into force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The signing of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan, of the other part, is hereby approved on behalf of the European Union, subject to the conclusion of the said Agreement. [1]

Article 2

Pending its entry into force, in accordance with Article 345 of the Agreement and subject to the notifications provided for therein, the Agreement shall be applied provisionally between the Union and the Republic of Uzbekistan.

[1] The text of the Agreement will be published together with the decision on its conclusion.

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President